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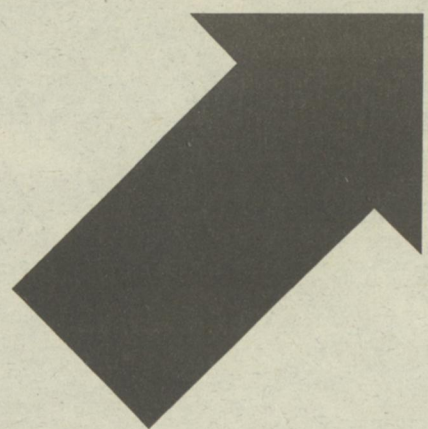
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Doing Spring Break the unexpected way

STIRLING "SKIP" PERRY
Leisurepimp Editor

Mexico was a popular destination for many college kids during Spring Break. Bars, beaches, babes and beer were the sweet Siren song for thousands who fled to the streets of Rosarito, Cabo, Puerto Vallarta and other exotic locales.

Even University Ministry got into the gig, but for an entirely different reason. Theirs was a unique sojourn of service and discovery. One week of no partying, no drinking and no showers while living in a Tijuana shelter.

Tijuana Spring Break is a semi-annual event sponsored by University Ministry in which roughly 35 USD students spend most of their spring break living and volunteering in Tijuana. The primary goal of the program is to give the students a different and personal perspective on Tijuana and Mexico, a culture misunderstood in the American rubric despite being such an integral part of this society.

Suzanne O'Connor and Tommy Castello were the student coordinators for Tijuana Spring Break. "It becomes a real and personable experience," O'Connor said. "You put names and faces to general topics like immigration and poverty. Instead of topics, you're dealing with people. Tijuana is not just about poverty, it's not just about [Avenida] Revolution."

The 37 students left USD on Friday, March 6, with half of the group arriving at each the Casa del Migrante and the Tecolote Community center. Casa del Migrante is a shelter for those who have tried and failed to cross

the border into the U.S. The USD students stayed at the two shelters for the duration of the trip, leaving each morning and returning at night to reflect on their faith, discuss the days events and relax.

A typical day involved numerous activities. For instance, they went to different sites in Tijuana to talk to the people there and experience the many facets of the city. Among other places, they visited jails, orphanages, shelters for elderly people, juvenile hall and "the Dumps."

The Dumps is exactly what its title implies—the city landfills where hundreds of people live by collecting "garbage." Families of up to 10 people live in tiny houses built out of scrap metal and wood. Each day they sort through the dumps, finding small treasures that they can sell on the streets. O'Connor talked to one lady who had lived at the dumps for over 20 years.

In addition to visiting various sites around Tijuana, the students participated in community service each day. One of the shelters where they volunteered was the Casa Juan Diego, operated by the Sisters of Charity, a refuge for elderly men and women. Among other duties, they changed beds, mopped floors and fed the residents. The group also volunteered at a soup kitchen as well as distributing food at the Dumps.

"It's really an eye-opening experience to come from USD and see what goes on down there," Castello said. "It's really different to talk to someone face-to-face and understand why they want to cross the border.



Mr. Man

Make or break: Instead of laying on the beach or watching TV, several USD students put their faith into practice in Tijuana.

Beyond just the service and experience aspect, the other main emphasis was on the spiritual connection of the program. "This helps us 'enflesh' our own faith...putting our faith into practice," said Brother Tom Thing, one of the staff coordinators. "We're taking our personal relationship with Christ and making it communal."

The students returned to USD on the following Wednesday. Though they spent their break in Tijuana, it was a far cry from the partying and debauchery that most people associate with Tijuana.

"We realized that USD kids and the people we talked to [in Tijuana] have similar interests," O'Connor said. "It makes people question their roles, different systems, their beliefs."

USD student wins national scholarship

NATASHA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

A USD student has won the prestigious Harry S. Truman scholarship for the first time in University history. Todd Gloria, a junior, was one of 79 recipients selected nationwide for the honor.

The U.S. Congress established the award in 1975 as a federal memorial to the 33rd U.S. president. The scholarship provides \$30,000 for graduate study. Students are selected on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual ability and likelihood of "making a difference" with a career in public service.

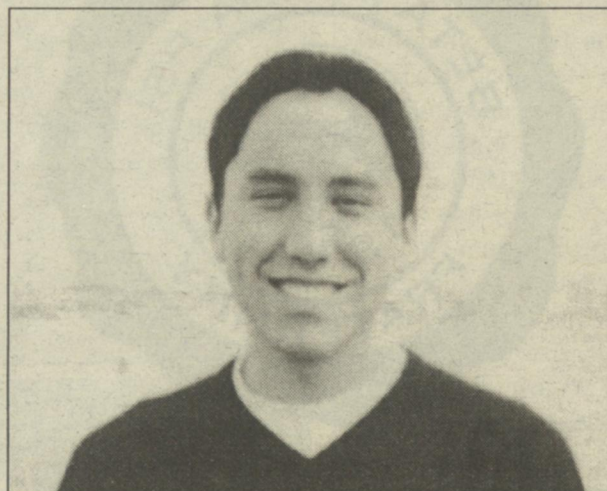
"This is a great honor for Todd and the University," said Alice Hayes, the president of USD. Gloria was one of 15 finalists from the state of California.

Additionally, USD was doubly honored with a second Truman finalist, Rebecca Jenkins, a junior from Indiana. This placed USD in the ranks of other multiple finalist universities like Harvard, West Point and UC Berkeley.

In order to win the scholarship, Gloria first completed an application, wrote a public policy state-

ment and survived a regional interview, which was held in San Francisco, Calif.

"The interview was extremely nerve racking because the other finalists were all amazing people. Each of them deserves this honor. This whole experience has



Paulina Westerlind

Shining star: Junior Todd Gloria thanks his family, friends and USD faculty for helping him win the prestigious Truman scholarship.

been very humbling," said Gloria. Typically one Scholar is selected from each state.

A political science and history major, Gloria plans to pursue a Master's degree in public policy. He is undecided as to which university he will attend for graduate studies.

"The Truman Scholarship can open so many doors that I feel overwhelmed by the options that are now available to me," Gloria said. His interest lies in the connections between policy and social justice.

Since coming to USD in 1996, Gloria has been involved in the United Front, AS Community-Service Learning and the VISTA. He also has worked for the County of San Diego in the Health and Human Services Agency for the last five years.

"This has been such a wonderful experience because it is a reflection of the help that so many of my family, friends and faculty members gave me during this long process," Gloria said.

He encourages anyone who might be interested in a career in public service to look into the Truman Scholarship. "I would be happy to help anyone with their application. I hope my win is the first in a long line of Truman Scholars from USD."

Conquering test anxiety is not impossible

ALYSIA JIMENEZ
Staff Writer

Final exams are less than five weeks away and chances are you're worried about them.

Before taking an exam, do you worry and stress about it? A slight amount of tension is fine before an exam because it keeps the senses aware, but too much can be a sign of test anxiety.

Signs of test anxiety include feelings of nervousness, fear, insomnia, change in appetite and inability to concentrate. Constant yawning immediately before an exam is a reaction to test anxiety and a sign of tension. When taking exams, symptoms of anxiety include confusion, panic and mental blocks.

There are many ways to combat test anxiety. Preparation is the main "remedy." Most students don't study enough, so they are not prepared to do more than recognize answers. These are usually the students that study for a few hours last minute.

You should be able to recall information and be able to apply the information to the questions on the exam. And of course, the best way to do this is to constantly study.

After lectures, review your notes and challenge your mind. Don't wait till the night before to study. School is supposed to be a full-time job requiring two hours of study per one hour of class. Realistically speaking, most students don't have this kind of time because many work or do other things, but the No. 1 way to alleviate test anxiety is to be well prepared.

Other techniques that may improve your scholastic

performance on an exam is to get a good night's sleep before an exam. Also, avoid talking about the exam with others immediately before taking it, because this tends to increase anxiety.

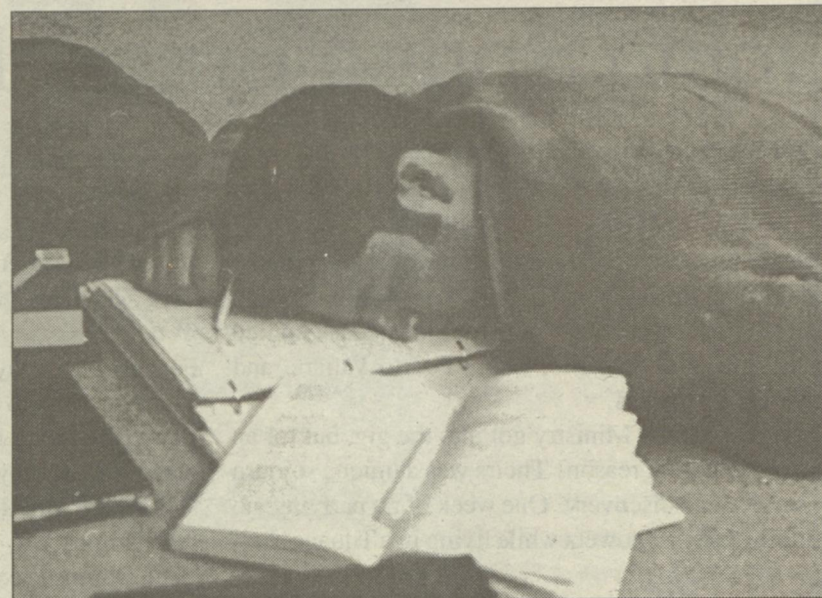
Talk to the professor and clear up any ambiguity. You will probably find that most professors are willing to give out some information as to the format of the test and what will be covered.

Think positively about the exam and while taking it, skip and go back to questions that you don't understand as well as the others. Also, take time to breathe deeply and let your muscles relax. Relaxation can often lessen tension build up.

James Tarbox, associate director of Career Services, says students should not to get caught up in the stress, tune the pressure out and think positively. A must, according to Tarbox, is for students to be prepared so that they are able to recall details and important information.

Study tips include making flash cards, joining a study group, making up acronyms, breaking down information into your own terms, visualizing ideas and reading aloud.

Rosie Larkins says she makes flash cards and has her friends quiz her. She also has a study group so she can practice and compare what she learned from the lecture



Alysia Jimenez

Frantic over finals: When studying for finals next month, it is vital that you get lots of rest, think positively and review all coursework ahead of time.

and books.

Remember that one test will usually not make you or break you, and that not passing that one test will not keep you from reaching your goals.

Put the test in perspective. Your worth as a person is not decided by the outcome. Think positively and try to work towards improving your last grade.

Finally, don't add external factors. It shouldn't matter what others will think if you don't get a passing grade.

Test anxiety can be conquered with the right practice and, of course, preparation is key.

AS and BAY are counting on involvement

CHRIS WEERTS
Associate Editor

Accounting majors at USD possess an advantage that few students on this campus do. Specifically, there are two organizations that support their academic efforts as well as their future job search: the Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi (ASBAY). These organizations have been here at USD since 1981.

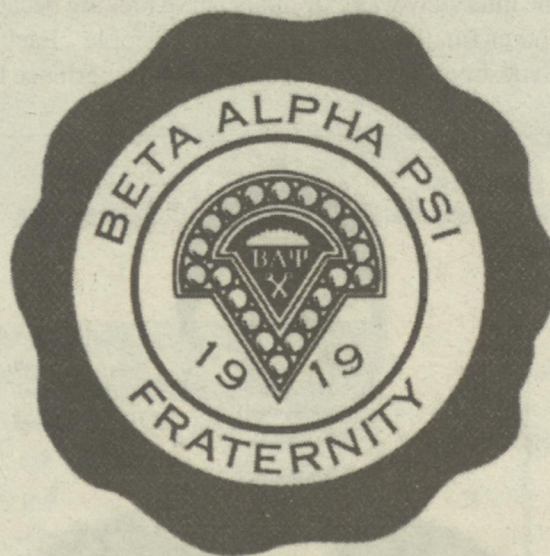
Both the Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi guide members through the job hunting process. They bring the Big Five firms as well as other industry companies and government agencies looking for internal accountants onto campus.

They also organize recruiting events such as "Meet the Firms." This gives members the opportunity to meet the most of the accounting recruiters in the area. Career services works hand-in-hand with ASBAY to help students obtain internships and develop career opportunities, as well as coordinate on campus interviews and provide resume workshops.

Accounting firms look at involvement with ASBAY as the most important part of a well-rounded candidate's preparation for a career in accounting.

"Although academic achievements are very important, the leadership, teamwork and communication skills you develop while being active in organiza-

tions such as Beta Alpha Psi and the Accounting Society are invaluable," said Pricewaterhouse Coopers Regional Recruiting Director Rob Cantrell. "Individuals who excel in both academics and campus activi-



ties definitely set themselves apart."

Also, ASBAY offers leadership opportunities such as traditional offices and directorships to its members.

Accounting majors are in a unique situation. They have the opportunity to gain a diverse background in

business, hence allowing them to keep their options open in the corporate world.

Additionally, accounting majors have more career opportunities than the average college student because the Big Five international accounting firms are all looking to fill many entry level auditing, tax and consulting positions each year.

There are also many companies searching for internal accountants. The high demand for accounting majors makes accounting one of the few majors in which most students have a job secured long before graduation.

Dr. Diane Pattison is the Faculty Advisor of ASBAY and has been elected National President of BAY. She will take the position of President Elect at the National Convention at the San Diego Hilton this summer, and her presidency will begin next year.

"Recruiters look for academic credentials, work experience, campus involvement and leadership," Pattison said. "AS and BAY facilitate three out of the four requirements. The organizations can't directly help with grade point averages, but perhaps through new friendships and study groups, grades improve."

ASBAY will have Sophomore Presentation on April 29 at 12:15 p.m. in Manchester Auditorium. It is an informational for all students interested in the accounting profession.

Letter to the Editor

After reading Katie Martin, Andra Bell and Kathy Valdivias' response to Gretchen Schneider's article on March 18, I was rather disturbed. I spent a lot of time thinking about their argument and I happen to disagree with a lot of their statements. I do want to say that I do disagree with Gretchen's comment of "I am asking USD to take responsibility for the decisions that students make," I believe that USD is mostly responsible for the students' academic choices. Students' moral decisions, on the other hand, are not completely under USD's control. It can only serve as a guide, but a person who chooses not to be guided must be given that right. A moral decision is based on an individual basis, because what you consider to be moral could not be to me.

"The reality is that premarital sex exists," is stated by Gretchen, but argued that "...this does not mean that it should exist and be condoned by our Catholic university" by Martin, Bell and Valdivia. I hate to quote a movie but "some things are true whether you believe in them or not." Just because our university may not believe in premarital sex does not mean that it magically disappears from our campus. They also go on to say "the church seeks to create awareness of the fullness of human life." Not to state the obvious, but is not sex a part of human life? Is sex only right when you are "making love" with someone that is meant for you? I don't think so. I believe that sex is not so much a taboo, granted people should not take it for granted and be highly promiscuous, but I do believe that sex is one of several ways of getting closer to the real person's spirit. Our sexuality is a gift from God; it is a natural part of human life that cannot be denied.

"Our university is dedicated to the education of the entire person, and it strives to support its students in a holistic way - educationally, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually." True, I agree, but if our university only taught us these things then we would not be truly learning holistically. Holism is the theory that entities have an existence other than the mere sum of the parts, which includes a person's sexu-

ality. If they do not recognize this then they are denying one of the parts that every human being is made of. A person's sexuality is part of their emotional, psychological, spiritual as well as in some cases educational. So when I read this article I was appalled at the fact that they did not include persons' sexuality as part of a holistic education. Without a persons sexuality and physical attraction we might as well be a bunch of machines with no feelings and no emotions.

They also believe that by our school offering forms of birth control such as the pill it would be implicitly supporting pre-marital sex. I would first like to point out that "the pill" has several positive implication besides helping prevent pregnancy. An example is that the pill actually regulates a woman's period and can cause less cramping during that time. I do believe that people should be educated about both sides of this issue before trying to argue either which way. But by not offering students this choice they are also implying the fact that they already decided that the students have no choice in the matter. In this way, USD is also being irresponsible. It is not only saying that the university does not condone pre-marital sex, it is ignoring all of the students who choose to. It is thus ignoring a large majority of the school's population. I also thought that the church always taught that we are human beings because we have free will, the right to choose, and people should be respected for the choices they make.

What one person considers moral another accepts with open arms. Every person has the right to choose where he or she draws the line between the two. Thus, people should be respected for the choices they make, moral or immoral to any other person. Any person faced with pre-marital sex is faced with his or her own moral decision. USD should provide those students who choose to have sex with the necessary precautions that they might need. Is it better that a student not be given this choice and instead have to face the decision of pregnancy and abortion?

—Shawn Eakle

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Symphony begins and ends on a high note

RODEL DIVINA
News Editor

Several members of the Linda Vista community listened to the soothing and invigorating sounds of the University of San Diego Symphony last Friday.

Conducted by Dr. Angela Yeung of the USD Department of Fine Arts, the symphony played several Wolfgang Mozart and Gaetano Donizetti classics to a somewhat diminutive audience at Montgomery Academy.

After USD President Alice B. Hayes and Linda Vista resident Reggie Smith delivered an inspiring welcome address, the symphony proceeded with Mozart's "Concerto for flute and orchestra in D." Senior Jessie Huang was the featured flutist for this rousing rendition.

Afterward, senior Natasha Flores captivated those in attendance by her mezzo-soprano voice during Donizetti's "O mio Fernando!" from *La Favorita*.

But the highlight of the evening oc-



Paulina Westerlind

I hear a symphony: Concert Mistress Katie McGlennen and her fellow musicians from the USD Symphony wowed many members of the Linda Vista community with their brilliant renditions of Mozart and Donizetti.

curred when Yeung guided her musicians through four dazzling movements of Alexandre Luigini's "Ballet Egyptien Suite, Op. 12."

The standing ovation at the end was fitting, given that this was the first time a symphony of any fashion was conducted in Linda Vista.

"The symphony was great," said Chris Nayve, assistant director of the Office for Community Service-Learning. "The residents are already talking about next year."

Beyond Color Lines

A Student's Perspective on Diversity at the University of San Diego

Assembly considers prohibiting harassment of gays

TODD GLORIA
Beyond Color Lines Editor

A bill recently approved by a California Assembly committee would attempt to protect students in public schools against discrimination based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation. It was approved 10-6 by the Education Committee and was sent to the Appropriations Committee. The bill, named the Dignity for All Students Act, would add "sexual orientation" to the Education Code that now protects students from other forms of discrimination based on such things as race, color, sex and economic status.

Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, authored this legislation. According to Kuehl, "This bill is about making certain these students have equal access to education. These young people suffer everyday from violence and harassment. All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment." The bill is co-authored by Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa.

The act is similar to legislation that has been introduced twice before by Kuehl. Both times the bill failed to be passed by a full vote of the Assembly. Kuehl has promised to keep reintroducing the bill until it is passed. Governor Davis, during the last campaign, promised to sign the bill into law if it arrived at his desk.

While the committee was approving the bill, about 150 pastors and church members held a rally on the Capitol steps to protest against the bill. Most opposed the bill say it will give special rights to gay students and require schools to teach homosexuality

to all students.

Supporters of the legislation point to a series of recent studies that suggest widespread discrimination of gay and lesbian youth in public schools. A study by the state of Massachusetts determined that 22.2 percent of gay youth skip school out of fear for their safety and four times more likely to attempt suicide. In 1998 a national survey found a 34 percent increase in anti-gay violence at public schools and colleges.

Kuehl's bill would apply to some private schools that accept public funds. It is unclear if this legislation would affect USD's own discrimination policy. USD's current policy does not include sexual orientation as a prohibited basis for discrimination.

A vote by the Assembly is expected in the coming months. "With education reform the top priority of the Legislature and the Governor," said Kuehl, "it is important to remember that you cannot improve the quality of education for all students without first making it safe for students to attend school free from harassment and discrimination."

Social Issues Conference is a success

Congratulations to the Social Issues Committee for sponsoring the tenth annual USD Social Issues Conference, "Challenging Injustice: Empowering Communities." The conference was an unqualified success. The keynote speaker, Morris Dees, brought a capacity crowd to USD's Shiley Theater. Nine workshops exploring topics as diverse as immigration, the environment and disabilities were all well received.

This was the inaugural year for the Judy Rauner Vision Award at the Social Issues Conference. Dr. Judy

Liu, a professor of sociology at USD, was selected by the committee to receive the award. Liu was recognized for her many years of service to the Social Issues Committee and for being a forerunner in recognizing the value of experiential learning. Five hundred dollars was given to Liu to be donated to her favorite charity. USD's Women's Center and the United Front were among Dr. Liu's selections to receive the funds.

Raul Garcia, a junior, attended the workshop on environmental discrimination. "I found the issue of environmental discrimination to be well defined and that it enabled me learn about an issue that pertains to minorities in our modern society," said Garcia. The conference has become the crown jewel of USD's efforts to raise San Diego's awareness of issues of diversity and social justice. The Vista applauds the Social Issues Committee for its efforts.

Web site of the week

In honor of last week's visit by Morris Dees, civil rights activist and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, it seems appropriate to highlight the Center's outstanding work. Dees and the SPLC's lawyers have pursued litigation in cases of discrimination and hate crimes across the country for over 25 years. They monitor and investigate the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and various anti-government militia groups. Also, the Center funds a project called Teaching Tolerance that provides kits to schools interested in promoting the value of diversity.

Visit the Southern Poverty Law Center at www.splcenter.org.

Study finds quitting marijuana can cause withdrawal

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WASHINGTON — People who smoke marijuana every day become more aggressive when they quit, adding to evidence that users can go through withdrawal, U.S. researchers said Tuesday.

Dr. Elena Kouri and colleagues at Harvard University said they had shown objectively that when people stop smoking "pot," there is a clear withdrawal syndrome.

"This syndrome, although less dramatic than the withdrawal syndrome associated with alcohol, opiate or cocaine withdrawal, may contribute to relapse among those dependent on marijuana," Dr. Alan Leshner, head of the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), which funded the study, said in a statement.

"People addicted to marijuana may continue to use the drug at least partly to prevent the onset of withdrawal symptoms."

But finding out why this happens may help research-

ers come up with better treatments for users, he said.

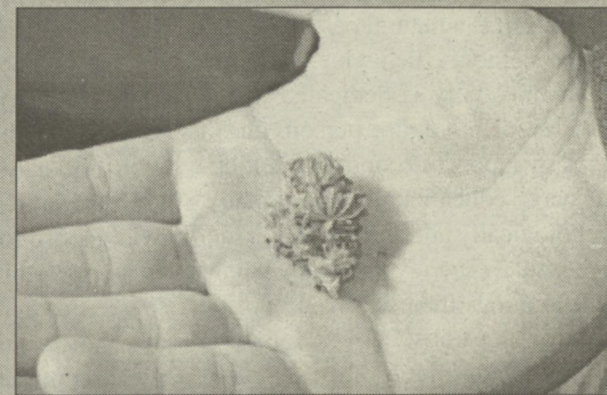
Writing in the journal *Psychopharmacology*, Kouri's team said they used a computer test that pitted 17 long-term heavy users of marijuana against 20 infrequent or former smokers. The volunteers did not know that aggressive behavior was being studied.

They were told that pressing a button labeled "A" 100 times would win them one point, worth 50 cents. Pressing a button labeled "B" 10 times would take a point away from an imaginary opponent of the same sex who was supposedly sitting in another cubicle.

The computer beeped to show that the "opponent" was taking a point away from the volunteer.

The tests were given over a period of 28 days, during which the users did not smoke marijuana. The heaviest users became significantly more aggressive during the first week, an indication that they were going through withdrawal.

"Most of the studies that have been published on marijuana withdrawal symptoms in people have relied on self-report," Kouri said. Users have reported feeling irritable, but this was the first test to verify this objec-



Ted Donovan

Weed withdrawal: Though it is a major milestone for one to quit smoking marijuana, the road to success is not easy because of the withdrawal process.

tively, she said.

According to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, published in 1997, more than 11 million people had smoked marijuana in the one-month period that the survey was done, making it the most widely used illegal drug.

New peer advisors ready to talk about life's problems

CARA REINDERS
Staff Writer

The USD Peer Advising Program is now being offered to all USD students. Specifically, these peer advisors represent selected USD students who complete a semester-long training course which guides them in providing support services to the USD student community.

The main functions of peer advisors are supportive listening, providing information, making referrals and outreach programming.

Although students presenting serious difficulties must be seen by professional counselors, peer advisors can help many students through social support and basic problem-solving.

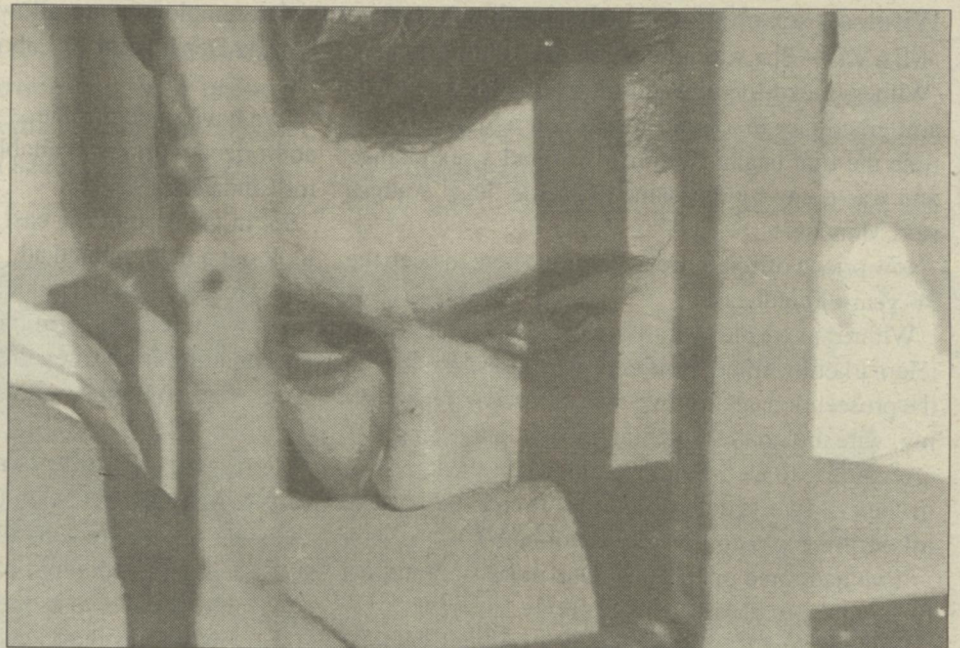
An important function of the peer advisor is to provide useful information by pointing students in the right direction for services available on campus or in the community.

Peer advisors also educate students on topics relevant to their lives, including coping with depression, loneliness and general adjustment to life at USD.

Peer advisors have been particularly helpful in providing support services to freshman students on academic probation.

The peer advising program is under the direction and supervision of Dr. Michael Ichiyama of the Department of Psychology, and operates in conjunction with the Counseling Center, the Office of Student Affairs, the Student Resource Center and the College of Arts and Sciences.

The peer advising program provides a safe, unbiased, and confidential setting where students can talk about anything that is troubling them. Students are encouraged to stop by the peer advising desk located in the Student Resource Center at UC 102 to talk to a peer advisor and find out more about the program. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday until 8 p.m.



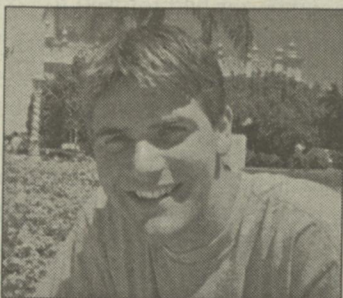
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Depression downer: *If you have no one to turn to for your depression, be aware that there are several peer advisors who are ready to listen to your problems.*

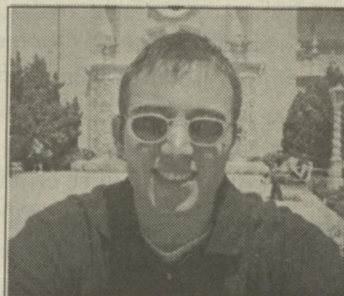
Peer advisors can also be reached by phone at 260-5995 x6523 or via email (peerhelp@acusd.edu). Students interested in becoming a peer advisor should contact Dr. Ichiyama at 260-4164.

How do you overcome depression?

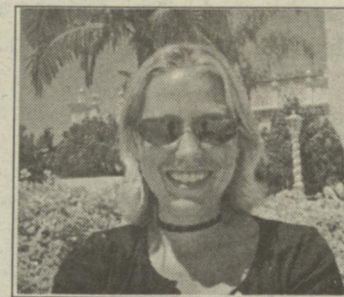
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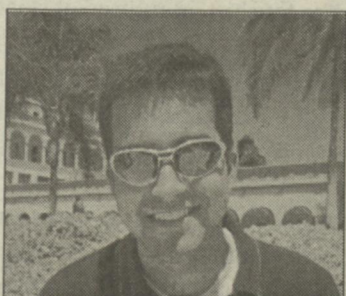
Rob Tirsbier
"I sit by the fountain on a sunny day, just as class is about to get out."



Joe Robinson
"I wait for someone to save me."



Alex Merideth
"I take my meds (Prozac)."



Tyler Huebner
"Listen to Dave Matthews."



Ben Erickson
"Flog the dolphin."



Shilpa Bhavnani
"Join Massarra Fargo in the Caf."

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NewsOddities

A Few Things That You Wouldn't Expect

Witness's sex change puzzles justice system

MIAMI — She was a he before the trial started.

Witness Jack Morgan Withrow testified before a Miami grand jury in a fraud case a year ago. But by the time the trial began, Withrow had had a sex change and was going by the name of Jackie, legal sources said Monday.

Now prison officials are uncertain where to keep the 36-year-old redhead.

Withrow had plead guilty to charges related to a telemarketing fraud case and was cooperating with the prosecution against two men accused of racketeering, wire and mail fraud and money laundering.

According to the Miami Herald, when she appeared in court last week, defense attorney Richard Sharpstein asked, "Are you completely a woman?"

"I've had three operations. One more snip and my rose will be in bloom" was the reply.

Withrow had been working as a cocktail waitress but was recently detained again for violating probation, the Herald said. She is being kept in a private room in a federal prison for "her own protection" while authorities figure out what to do.

Cough if you think I'm guilty

CARDIFF, Wales — An innocent man was locked up by mistake when a juror in a Welsh court coughed as the verdict was being read out.

As the foreman of the jury at Cardiff Crown Court delivered a "not guilty" verdict on Alan Rashid, charged with making a threat to kill, another juror cleared his throat and the noise drowned out the word "not."

The judge thought the jury had found Rashid guilty and sentenced him to two years in prison, according to news reports Friday.

Rashid was taken to the cells and would have been none the wiser if a juror had not asked why he was being jailed after having been found not guilty.

Officials realized a mistake had been made and a confused Rashid was led back into court and told he was free to go.

Court manager Nicholas Williamson said: "It was a very bizarre situation and I have never heard of it happening before."

Mr Rashid was a very relieved man when the judge explained what had happened."

Government searching for exotic dancers

MIAMI — The state of Florida is advertising for "exotic dancers" willing to work nights, 40 hours a week, for \$11 an hour.

In the same way it searches for candidates for other tough-to-fill jobs, Florida is searching for strippers after a club in the small town of Stuart told state officials it had so much trouble finding dancers it wanted to import foreign workers.

"Exotic dancer, 40 hrs per week, 7p.m.-3a.m." reads the ad placed in the Palm Beach Post. "Send resume to Dept. of Labor/Bureau of Workforce Program Support."

Under the U.S. Alien Labor Certification Program, which is designed to protect American workers, Florida must first search locally for job candidates

before employers are allowed to import foreigners, a Florida Department of Labor administrator said Thursday.

"We have to determine ... in fact, there are no legally authorized workers available for that job," administrator Linda King said.

So, in the case of the east Florida nightclub, the state took out a help-wanted ad.

Job requirements include: "Four years experience in the job offered. Perform modern and acrobatic dances, coordinating body movements to musical accompaniment. Choreographs own dance movements."

School warns students about 'naked mile'

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — University of Michigan officials are urging students to keep their clothes on next Tuesday night and avoid participating in a nude spring jogging ritual known as the "Naked Mile."

University President Lee Bollinger, in a letter to students this week, said he is concerned the annual even could lead to assaults, excessive drinking and nude pictures showing up on the Internet.

"I hope you will take seriously my recommendation not to participate and understand the spirit in which it is offered," said Bollinger.

As many as 1,000 men and women are expected to disrobe and make the mile-long run April 20 while another 10,000 spectators line campus and city streets to watch.

Started 13 years ago to celebrate the last day of classes, university spokeswoman Julie Peterson said the event became dangerous and unruly two years ago when the crowd of onlookers became so large that runners were forced to slow down into a walk, making them easy prey for gropers and video cameras.

The event has become so well known it is widely promoted on several Internet sites, which offer information and publish photos from previous Naked Mile runs.

"We've said to students, 'we would really hate to see these at your Senate confirmation hearing,'" Peterson said.

Peterson said the university's biggest concern is for the safety of students. The school plans to have volunteers offering shirts for people who want clothes, and Ann Arbor police will enforce open container laws.

Every year there are a number of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct complaints, and last year a nude woman was found unconscious on the steps of the university art museum, Peterson said.

Weekly sex may prevent colds and flu?

LONDON — Having sex once or twice a week gives a boost to the immune system that could help ward off colds and flu, New Scientist magazine said Wednesday.

Moderate sexual activity increases levels of a compound in the body called immunoglobulin A (IgA) that binds to bacteria and triggers the immune system to destroy them.

"IgA is the first line of defense against colds and flu," Carl Charnetski of Wilkes University in Pennsylvania told the weekly science magazine.

To prove the benefits of a healthy but not overactive sex life, Charnetski and his colleague Frank Brennan measured levels of IgA in the saliva of 111 college students and questioned them about how often they had had sex in the previous month.

Students who had sex less than once a week had a small increase in the antigen compared to pupils who were celibate. Those who had sex once or twice a week had a 30 percent rise in IgA. Ironically the more sexually active people had lower levels of the compound than students who had not had sex.

"My feeling is that the people in the very-frequent-sex group may be in obsessive or poor relationships that are causing them a lot of anxiety," said Charnetski. "We know that stress and anxiety make IgA go down."

School bans Nude Olympics

PRINCETON, N.J. — The Princeton University Board of Trustees has voted to ban the students' traditional "Nude Olympics" after this year's event turned into an alcoholic brawl, The Daily Princetonian reported Monday.

It said the board voted Saturday to abolish the 30-year-old annual ritual, in which students gather for a nude frolic at midnight following the year's first snowfall.

After this year's event, students at the elite Ivy League school complained of being sexually groped, and more than a dozen of the 350 participants landed in hospitals with alcohol poisoning or injuries.

"The trustees find intolerable the serious risks that this event poses to our students' health, safety and well-being, and believe it would be irresponsible to permit any event of this nature to continue," the board said in a statement printed in the student newspaper.

Airline says it was forced to kill 440 squirrels

AMSTERDAM — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said Tuesday it had been forced to put down 440 Chinese ground squirrels because the animals had failed to meet European regulations.

The squirrels, which arrived in Amsterdam from Beijing en route to Athens, lacked the proper import and health papers, the airline said in a statement.

KLM said the Chinese exporter had refused to take the animals back. The airline said it tried to send the squirrels to a country outside Europe but it had failed to find a suitable home, leaving it with no option but to kill them.

The airline has launched an investigation into the incident, and, in the meantime, has barred all shipments of ground squirrels from China.

Maples identifies shoes, spars with accused thief

NEW YORK — Marla Maples, the estranged wife of real estate mogul Donald Trump, spent nearly an hour in court Monday identifying 75 shoes that her former publicist, an admitted shoe fetishist, is accused of stealing.

Chuck Jones, 56, Maples' press agent before she married Trump in 1993, is being retried on charges of burglary, criminal possession of stolen property and illegal weapons possession.

Prosecutors had Maples identify 29 pair of shoes and boots and 17 individual shoes that disappeared from her Central Park South apartment and were later found in Jones' office, along with her pajama bottoms and pantyhose.

photographs, and videotapes.

Annual research conference promises to impress

RODEL DIVINA
News Editor

The impressive endeavors of several students from various academic departments will take center stage this Saturday at the ninth annual

USD Student Research and Internship Conference.

After a welcoming address by President Alice B. Hayes, conference participants will present their accomplishments by either using PowerPoint slides or posters in front of several faculty judges.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served.

Dr. Sarah Gray of the Marine Science Department will once again serve as chairperson of this yearly highlight.

Local fair celebrates diversity and various cultures

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Members of the Linda Vista community convened along Linda Vista Road to celebrate the 14th annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair last Saturday.

The theme of the event, "A Community of Colors," showcased the rich cultural diversity of the close-knit neighborhood.

The fair began at 10 a.m. with food, information and cultural handicraft booths. With Linda Vista Road closed off between Comstock and Ulric Streets, a parade full of dancers and dignitaries followed at noon.

The event was culminated with an exuberant presentation by the Fern Street Circus.

"It is such a gorgeous day to highlight how much this community has to offer," said Janet Lane, a longtime Linda Vista resident. "There is so much variety here."

The fair was sponsored by the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego Commission of Arts and Culture and the ARCO Products Company.

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AS this Week

Today, April 22

-ASA Nooner
- Women's Softball vs. UCSD at 5 p.m.

Friday, April 23

- Greek and United Front Human Relations Workshop

Saturday, April 24

-Outdoor Adventure - Pacific Coast Cycling Tour

Monday, April 26

- Heterosexism Training in UC107 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

- Multicultural Month Fair
- Varsity Blues in the UC Forum at 8 p.m.
- Aromas Concert Series at 8:30p.m.

Wednesday, April 28

- ICC Awards Banquet
- Men's Baseball vs. Cal State Northridge at 3 p.m.
- Outdoor Adventure - Cowles Mountain Moonlight Hike

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Ten best excuses that the AS Parking Court has heard during the 1998-1999 school year

SCOTT BURTON

Special to the VISTA

10. You mean F/S isn't Freshman/ Sophomore,
9. I had to park in the fire lane - I had diarrhea and I couldn't hold it any longer.
8. I had to take up two spaces in the pit - I just got a new BMW and I didn't want to get it scratched.
7. I've never received a ticket for parking in a reserved spot before. I would like to use my warning, please. (The
- man had over 10 tickets for reserved spots - and you don't get an automatic warning like a Monopoly get out of jail card.)
6. *Defendant:* I have to have a permit? *Judge:* What year are you? *Defendant:* Senior. Parking's free for seniors, right?
5. I didn't mean to run both of those stop signs. My foot slipped off the clutch and I couldn't stop my car. (The stop signs were over 150 feet apart.)
4. *Defendant:* I was parked in a fire lane to unload my groceries.

Judge: How long was your car there?

Defendant: Well after I unloaded the groceries I went to the movies so I guess about five or six hours. Why can't you just dismiss it?

3. It wasn't me driving it was my friend. I swear!
2. You mean I have to pay the meters behind the bookstore?
and the #1 parking excuse...
1. I have already paid hundreds of dollars in blood money for outstanding citations. I'm at the point where I feel like fining Public Safety for wasting my time.

Hey seniors - Get ready for *your* month!

KATIE BARKLEY &

ANDREA MUNOZ

Special to the VISTA

This is your fabulous Senior Senators here to give you the information that you have been eagerly anticipating. We are sorry to tell you, but there is no longer a Senior Week. No, we decided to make May Senior Month, "Party Like It's 1999." That's right, you now have the entire month of May to live it up as a senior. Below, you will find all the important dates that you need to keep in mind. (Here comes our disclaimer: please remember that certain things happen and some events may change.) Keep an eye out for the brochure, which should magically appear the last week in April. All of the finalized details will be available then. All of the events planned are guaranteed to be unforgettable, (but that depends on how much "fun" you decide to have)! Most of the events will include some type of "beverage." Some events are ticketed and all the tickets will be sold through the USD box office. Please keep in mind that some events will sell out! If you have any questions about anything, or if you would like to help out, please call Andrea or Katie at x4715. So be sure to get lots of rest in April. Who knows when you will be able to sleep in May! Hang in there - only

39 days till Graduation!

Tuesday, May 4

Honors Convocation in Shiley at 11a.m.

Hypnotist "Dream Weaver" at 7 p.m. in the UC Forum. Enjoy watching your classmates make fools out of themselves as they are under some "influence."

Thursday, May 6

Senior Appreciation Day "Kind and Generous" Because you are so wonderful, we are inventing a USD just for Seniors. Enjoy benefits all over campus. (What could be better than that?)

Friday, May 7

Senior Banquet "These are the Days" at the Hyatt Regency downtown. The cocktail reception is at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. There will be awards, a video presentation and dancing. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 with a Senior Gift donation.

Saturday, May 8

Saturday Night Padre Fever "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" Come watch your last Padres game and enjoy a tailgate to start off the festivities. Tailgate is at 5 p.m. and the game is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person, including both events.

Tuesday, May 11

Faulty/Staff Happy Hour "Be True to Your School" Come toast all of your favorite USD faculty and staff in the Fac/Staff Dining Room from 4-6 p.m.

Please be sure to personally invite your favorite professor or staff member.

Thursday, May 13

Progressive Party "The Magical Mystery Tour" This is the event you all have been waiting for. Be ready for the ride of your life! Three double-decker buses are waiting to take you four of the finest bars in San Diego. Tickets are required and are \$7.

Sunday, May 16

Last Supper "We are Family" Please join us for your last meal with your USD family. We will be dining at Trattoria Portobello in downtown, and tickets will be required.

Tuesday, May 25

Last Chance Happy Hour "Closing Time" This is the last day of finals and it's the last Senior Happy Hour at the Beachcomber. There will be T-shirts and yearbook signing. This is a free event.

Saturday, May 30

GRADUATION!!! Thanks to the Junior Class you have one more chance to celebrate. Tickets will be required and details will follow.

Senior Month T-shirt:

They will be available beginning May 3 for \$6. Please go to UC225 for more information or watch for us in front of the UC.

Senior Class Gift:

Don't forget to make your donation today. We need you. Last day to donate in Wednesday, May 5.

Open your eyes, and your mind

RACHEL VALINE
Insight Editor

Since fraternities and sororities were started on this campus, there has been a poor image of what they stand for. Most people not associated with greek life say that those who participate in fraternities and sororities "buy their friends" and are all cliquey, snobbish and gossipy. Although these are harsh accusations, it is possible that the accusations are made because these social groups' actions convey that image. However, there is a lot of good that comes out of fraternities and sororities. The unfortunate result of preconceived perceptions is that the people making the accusations must resort to the very thing they are pointing at with their negativity: gossiping about some-

there was a competition between all four sororities and one fraternity. Most sororities saw this as a time to prove that they were the best house on campus, but the ultimate goal of the event was to benefit the philanthropy of the fraternity. Unfortunately, the often bitter and aggressive participation of the sororities caused that goal to be overshadowed.

This is a perfect example of why people view fraternities and sororities the way they do. It seemed as if the whole point of the competition was lost somewhere in the clouds. The purpose was to raise money for children, which was done, but it created a lot of animosity between the groups and a bad image was upheld.

Another reason for the animosity and bad image of greek life is that every fraternity and sorority on this campus thinks that they are the best. They think they

And, I don't like them, so I probably don't like you," is a statement often used against greek life.

When I asked Stephen Arietta, a senior non-fraternity member at USD, what he thought about greek life at USD, Arietta said, "the greek life is very indicative of the social structure of USD. Many people become too engulfed in their smaller groups of friends which leave them closed minded to what else is out there. This is what causes the separation between different groups of people, and in this case, fraternities and sororities."

On the other hand, I asked a senior non-sorority member, Sarah Mills what she thought about the "sorority girl" image at USD, and Mills said, "All of the girls that I have met, and all of my friends that are in sororities are all really nice girls. I would have joined one if I hadn't transferred here so late."

Taking another standpoint on greek life at USD, I asked another non-fraternity member Mark Vallecorsa what some of the reasons were that made him choose not to join a fraternity. Vallecorsa said, "I didn't join a fraternity because this is a small school, and I didn't feel that I needed to join a group to meet more people. However, I have a brother at Cal Poly Pomona that I encouraged to join a fraternity because he commuted, and it would help him to experience college. It would make it a lot less like high school for him."

It seems as though there is nothing that can be done about what people think about fraternities and sororities. However, there is a purpose to fraternities and sororities that people don't choose to see. All fraternities and sororities support a philanthropy. This means that whatever their cause is, all events that raise money allow the groups to donate that money to their cause.

Additionally, all fraternities and sororities do community service, whether it is to help the Linda Vista School or to do beach clean-ups. And just because they pay money to be in a group doesn't mean they "buy their friends." A lot of people pay money for sporting events, transportation, parties, dances, etc. It is called entertainment. Nothing in life is free.

The thing that is funny to me is that there really isn't anything that fraternities and sororities do that other non-greeks don't do. Everyone parties, everyone has their group of friends and everyone gossips. Just because you are in a fraternity or sorority doesn't make that worse.

Perhaps fraternities and sororities do give themselves a bad reputation by some of the things they do or say, but it doesn't really help that people constantly say bad things about fraternities and sororities when they don't even know anything about them. There will always be animosity between fraternities and sororities. Of course animosity is bad, but that doesn't mean that because you are in a fraternity or sorority that you are the way people perceive you to be. The problem in life is that people are not open-minded. Life might be a lot less complicated if we could all just open our eyes.



Stop pulling: *In order for fraternities and sororities to be seen more openly, they need to stop working against each other and make people see their real purpose.* Cassie Polich

thing they know little about. If people only sought to learn more about the purpose of greek life, they might not have such harsh opinions of its members.

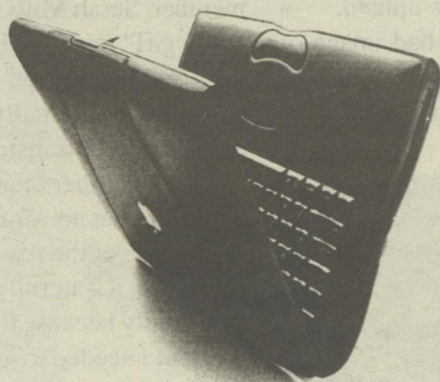
There are many reasons that students at USD have bad images of fraternities and sororities. Foremost, fraternities and sororities are all very competitive. Because of this competition, fraternity and sorority members will say or do almost anything to win. But, aren't our sports teams also competitive? They say negative things about other teams, and they do things to win and be the best. Why don't we judge that? Why is that type of competition okay? The reason is because fraternities and sororities take things too far. This is what gives them a bad image.

However, fraternities and sororities use this competition for the good of others. For example, last week

have the best people in their house, the best name nationally, etc. What makes a fraternity or sorority the best? No one can judge that. When people run around telling everyone that they are the best house on campus, the snob image is supported. It's not that it is bad to think that your house is the best, but it's not smart to go around vocalizing something like that. The greeks on this campus are supposed to support each other, and when they don't, they give greek life at USD a bad image.

When people look at greek life at USD, they think that every member, no matter the house, is the same. They are making judgements on the entirety of greeks based on feelings they might harbor for one or more of its members. "Because you are in the same fraternity or sorority as so-and-so, you must be just like them.

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The USD closet

I was asked to write an article about gay and lesbian issues at USD, and agreed to do so anonymously. It was hard for me to come up with a specific issue. It soon dawned on me that the reason that I could not come up with an issue was because USD does not discuss gays or lesbians. At least 95 percent of the gay, lesbian or bisexual population at USD is in the closet, wholly or partially. I consider myself selectively "out" at USD. By "out" I mean that I do not hide my sexuality (totally).

I could talk about the closeted gay and lesbian faculty at USD, but what purpose would that serve? They feel that they need to be closeted because the USD administration has made it clear to them that they should stay in the closet. By not adding sexual orientation into the non-discrimination policy, the administration and the board of trustees has said, "You have no job security here if you are gay." For obvious reasons, the faculty here are clearly the most closeted.

I must say, though, that I am proud to know many staff members at USD who are out, although they too feel the USD closet. One staff member was advised by his superior not to march in the annual Gay Pride parade (one of the biggest events in San Diego) because it could hinder his job security. I applaud him for being out on campus, but clearly there is fear from above. On the other hand, there is an administrator who remains in the closet. He survives at USD social functions by bringing a "beard" with him. For those of you who do not know what a beard is, it's a woman that he brings to cover up his true identity. She acts as a mask.

I know many say that it is no one's business what anyone does in the privacy of their own bedroom, and that these people should stay in the closet. What USD clearly does not realize is

that our sexuality goes beyond the actual act of sex. I pose this hypothetical question to the heterosexuals out there: Suppose everywhere you looked there was something telling you to be gay. Every commercial, every film, every billboard had same-sex couples on it. Wouldn't you feel a little out of place? Or think of it

from another angle.

Suppose you had to censor your sexuality. You could never tell anyone who you were dating, or what bar you went to last weekend, or who you were in love with. Sit back and think about it today. You will be amazed at how much sex and sexuality come up in our everyday conversations.

It could be a personal question about your girlfriend or boyfriend or simply a friend asking if you think that someone of the opposite sex walking down Marion Way is cute.

College is a time for young men and women to grow up and find themselves, but USD does not seem to provide an environment conducive for doing so. It is funny that I notice the little things at USD. Not a day goes by at USD that I don't hear the word "fag."

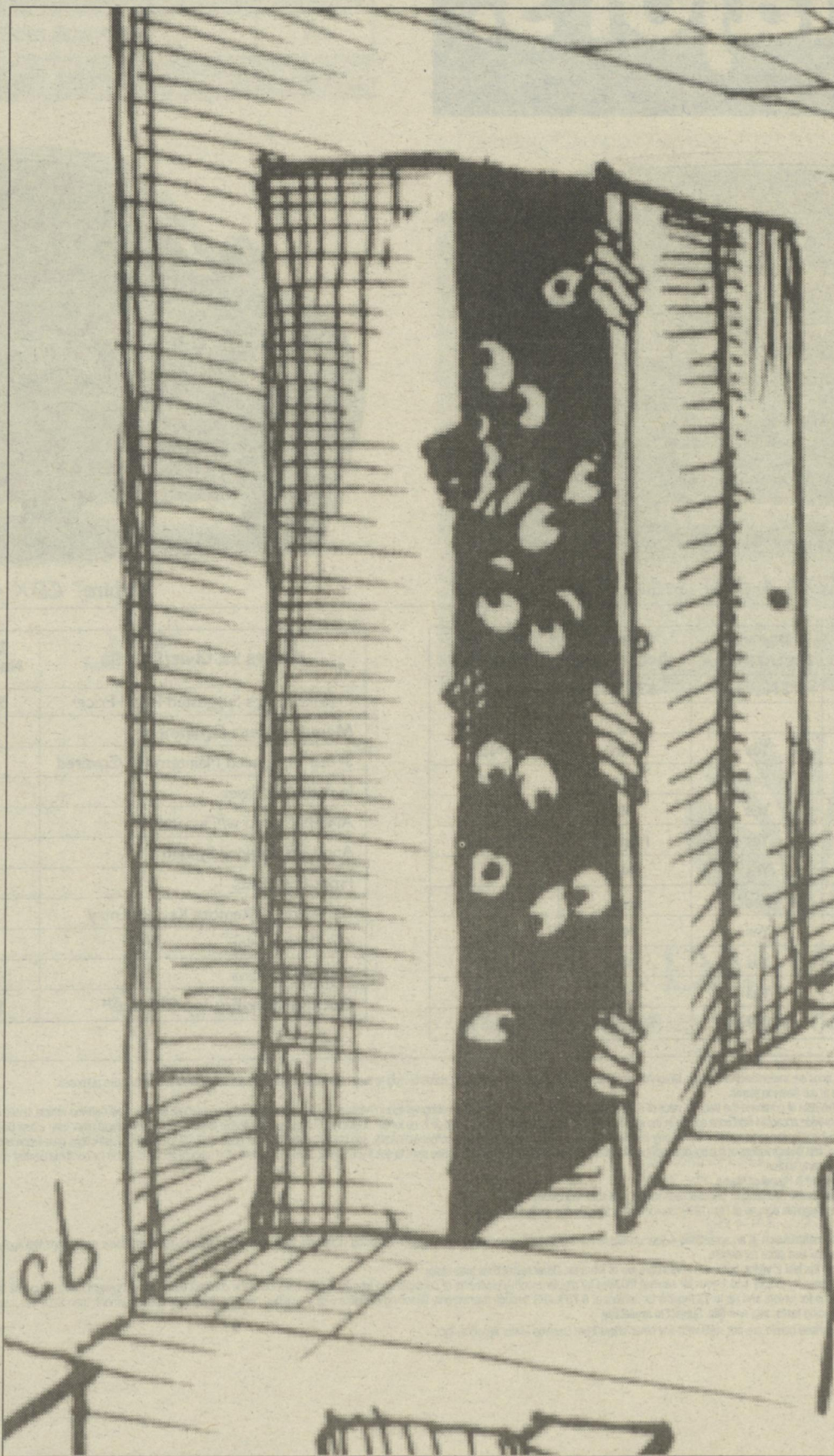
I almost never hear the infamous "N" word being used by students at USD. Many years ago the "N" word was a common insult used not only to insult blacks but whites toward one another. Today that would never happen. But "fag" is used over and over again as an insult. Although many of us may think twice about it if we hear the word, to a closeted USD student the word is like a knife in one's heart.

I came out selectively at USD, but it was not always easy. There were many confrontations about my sexuality at USD and groups on campus.

It was not the best time in many aspects, but it was the best in others. I was able to be honest with myself and with my friends. I no longer needed to lie about who I am. As a student at USD I have more power than the faculty and staff because I pay tuition. If you have been naive, it is time to be aware that money talks at USD. Besides, USD looks good when it scrutinizes its professors who are gay to see if they are up holding Catholic values, but not when it kicks a student out for being honest.

The fact still remains that even I, a senior who has been partially out of the closet for four years at USD, do not feel comfortable and am not completely out.

For these reasons I have given a pseudonym for this article. Maybe someday USD will embrace the ideas that it preaches of "dignity for all persons" and I will feel that USD is the kind of place where I can write an article like this one and feel safe putting my name on it.



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Manufacturer's Equipment			
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Car Alarm w/Remote Keyless Entry	Yes	No	\$399
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Did I say that aloud?

MARGIE PIERCE

Offbeat Editor

Interview Horrors: Part One

I have discovered the one thing that I fear most in this world: interviews. I know it's shocking, but yes, even unattainable goddesses have fears. This fear started when I went to the interview at the beginning of the semester in hopes of joining the all-too-cool team of Resident Assistants. The group interview was easy: we all sat around in a circle and played pretend. I had so much fun, planning and scheming, that I was completely unprepared for the true test of brown-nosing: the personal interviews. I should have known things weren't going to be easy for me when I walked into Maher and immediately got lost trying to find the right door. Oh, sure laugh now, but you try opening a door that has no handle or visible hinges. When the committee of intimidating interviewers summoned me into the room and beckoned for me to sit down opposite them, my first instinct was to bolt for the door and announce to the world that aliens had taken away the bodies of the nice Resident Directors and replaced them with unsmiling, note-taking body snatchers. Then I thought about it and realized if I did that, the aliens might try to kill me, so I kept my cool.

So there I was face-to-face with a bunch of people whose very purpose was to judge every aspect of my personality. As the interrogation started I kept hoping a hole would open up in the floor beneath me and swallow me alive, but then I've never been that lucky. Question after question the torture continued and I blurted out whatever came to my head first, whether it was what I wanted to say or not. At that point I would have admitted to liking cafeteria food if it meant I could get out of there. Lucky for you, I consider every situation a learning experience, so when I escaped into the fresh air and kissed the ground and made love to the first person I saw...um, wrong movie, that was *Armageddon*...I compiled this list of things you should definitely, never, ever, under any circumstances blurt out while interviewing to be an RA:

Q: What do you look for in a supervisor?

A: Someone who will stay off my back.

Q: How would your best friend describe you?

A#1: What best friend? I don't have any friends.

A#2: My dog can't talk.

A#3: Loud and obnoxious.

Q: What would be the most difficult rule for you to enforce as an R.A.?

A: I think it would be really hard to bust my friends for drinking. Oh and I might feel dumb for telling them to turn their radios down. I wouldn't really have to kick boys out of their rooms, would I?

Q: Who do you envision yourself working with next year?

A: Cute Freshman boys.

Q: What event would you like to organize for your residents?

A: An Around-the-World party. You know, where each room has a different kind of alco—er, food—from a different country.

Q: What do you do when you find you have some free time?

A: Crank up my music, turn on WWF wrestling or Jerry Springer and invite my friends over for a beer.

See Interview Horrors: Part Two next week

Things we found in our house during Spring cleaning:

Sheep-leggings for our Sunday meetings.

A pop-up book from a Puerto Rican VD clinic.

A lengthy and detailed plan for the invasion of Canada under the contingency of a possible moose shortage.

A chastity belt signed by Enrique Salazar.

A 1982 Playboy with the pages stuck together.

A 1979 Men's Fishing Journal with the pages stuck together.

Two midgets who claim to have squatting rights (we're still in court over this one.)

A dead German Shepherd (don't ask...it wasn't our fault...we swear.)

A six year old VISTA, from when it was good.

A severed horse head (long story.)

A four volume book series entitled "So You've Decided to Become a Dominatrix..."

A dead whale fetus (we finally tracked down that smell...behind the fridge is always the last place you look.)

Last week you got the list, this week you actually get to find out what the list means. The Offbeat editor feels embarrassed, ashamed, petrified and many other words that I found in the thesaurus that mean the same thing, but that I don't know how to pronounce. I apologize for my mistake and the confusion it caused to those reading last week's issue.

Chub & Chubby's

Penny for your thoughts, Nickel for your body

As some of you may know, both of us are seniors this year. After seven-and-a-half long years of college we plan on graduating in May. As we prepare to enter the "real world" as "mature adults," here are some interesting quotes we have heard in recent job interviews:

"Why is your resume written in crayon?"

"Tell me more about your previous job experience as the 'Porn Store Whore.'"

"Haggling over the price of rubber poo in Tijuana doesn't really qualify as ample negotiation experience."

"Were you actually crowned the 'King of Disco' or is this a self-proclaimed title?"

"Have you ever shaved a cat for business and/or pleasure?"

"What exactly are the duties of a 'Hungarian correctional facility's middle management, managerial manager's assistant manager?'"

"Would you be willing to take a bullet for the CEO? How about the VP?"

"Selling orphans out of your van does *not* count as sales experience."

"You worked for the VISTA? Get out."

Finding housing where there is little

MARGIE PIERCE
Offbeat Editor

As a result of an improving real estate market, home owners around San Diego are selling out or raising rent, leaving many USD students scrambling for a place to live next year. In order to avoid the competitive search for inexpensive, off-campus housing, many students have opted to stay on-campus.

According to Susana Meister, a USD sophomore who helps out in the housing office, there is a waiting list of over one hundred students for on-campus housing. Chad Izmirian, the resident director for the Vistas, says that while this number has been increasing over the last few years, it is normal. Many students have reserved places as a back-up plan while they are looking for off campus housing. It is normal for people to cancel their contracts, transfer schools or drop out over the summer. For the first few weeks, students in Camino/Founders and Missions B may have to triple up, but usually as things settle down those students who wish to move out can. The only difference between next year and previous years is the increased amount of incoming freshmen. Izmirian suggests that, along with the increase in housing costs around San Diego, students are discovering the benefits of living on campus where all of the activities are. While it is hard to predict how many people will actually give up or accept housing for next year, he assures everyone that, "We are going to try to house everyone that we can."

Students who are already living off campus are having just as much trouble finding housing as the students who are on the waiting list. Mike Catanzaro,

and his four (and a half) other roommates, have been directly affected by the improving market, because their landlord is amongst the many who have decided to sell. Pat Janelle, State Certified Appraiser, explains, "When the market starts moving as fast as it is now, the demand for houses to buy and rent is at a premium." Right now the demand outweighs the supply for people who want to buy, so prices have gone up. Since the rents are in the buildings that get sold, if a person buys a \$150,000 house for \$250,000, they will have to increase the rent in order to make money from the transaction. Students are not only affected by this increase in rent, but also by the availability of places to rent.

Prairie Bly, junior, is one student fortunate enough to have a place staked out for next year, but she admits that in order to get a good deal, most students have to start apartment hunting for the fall in mid-March.



Kristin Huffaker

Catanzaro is feeling the pressure of apartment hunting first hand. This late in the game he is having difficulty finding anything, and with finals approaching, he doesn't have a lot of time. The key to finding housing off campus seems to be starting the search early and sharing the rent and utilities with roommates.

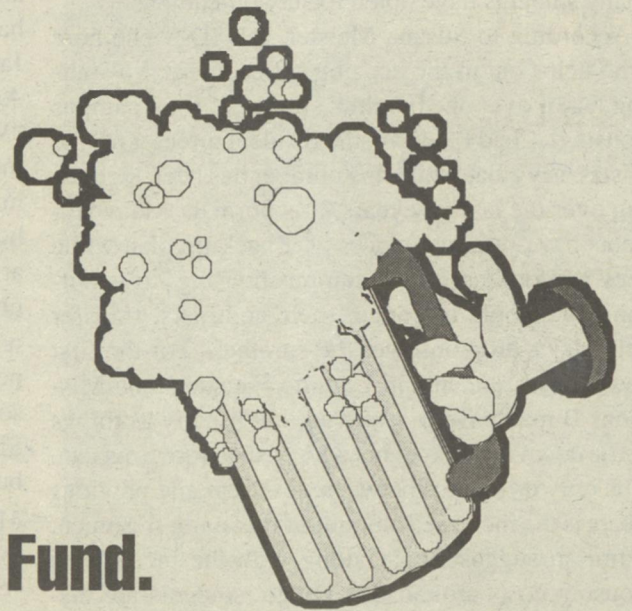
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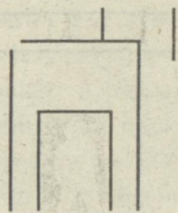
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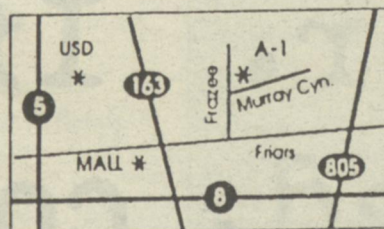
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Hard Knock Life

Meth, Redman, DMX and Jay-Z team up

TYLER LAMB

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**Friday, April 16
San Diego Sports Arena**

"Festival" concerts have seemed to dwindle away in popularity lately, as summer package tours have become a victim of dwindling ticket sales and talent. However, many of these package tours are rock oriented and other genres have not yet experimented with festival tours yet there is definitely room for growth.

By all means, though, the Hard Knock Life Tour isn't the first rap-centered tour: the House Of Blues Smokin' Grooves tour has combined the talents of Cypress Hill, Busta Rhymes and Public Enemy as well as others in the rap and R&B genre. The Hard Knock Life tour is a conglomerate of artists from the Def Jam record label that encapsulates the raw and heavily talented new crop of MCs that have grown in popularity during the past few years. It is no surprise, then, that the Hard Knock Life Tour was one of the most highly anticipated rap tours in recent years as it made its way to the San Diego Sports Arena last Friday.

Def Jam began the party with their huge bus complete with it's own DJ quality sound system, blasting tunes from the artists' in the parking lot of the Sports Arena as an appetizer for the coming show (as if exciting the crowd was even necessary. It also allowed some musically-ignorant audience members to listen to a few songs while waiting to be frisked (that was



my favorite part of the show...). Overall, it laid the groundwork for what would be an incredibly entertaining and powerful concert.

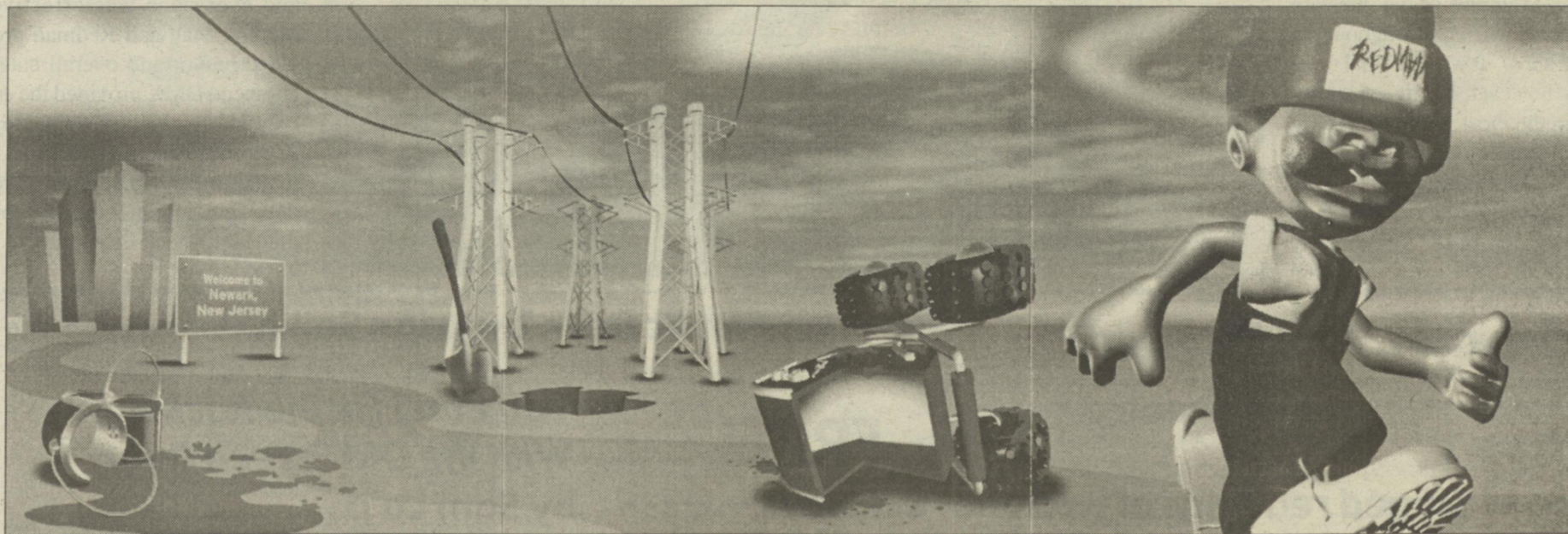
Running a bit late (as all shows do), the music began with Def Jam's own DJ Clue mixing up some popular tracks that pumped-up the audience even more. DJ Clue, much in the vein of other rap DJs, showed that there definitely is an art to mixing songs together, creating a seamless groove of rhythm from a diverse background. As the announcer began to speak to the crowd, asking if they were ready for the show, the sparsely filled Sports Arena began to fill quickly and the energy

level grew to an almost palpable level. By the reaction of the crowd to the different artists being announced, it was obvious that although Jay-Z was the "headliner" of the concert, it has been the recent success of DMX that made him the man to see that evening. Both Method Man and Redman got quite an ovation, as they had quite a few of their own followers in attendance as well.

It was Method Man and Redman, who became good friends at Def Jam who opened the show together, having collaborated on several tracks over the years. They opened with "Big Dogs" off Meth's new album, which quickly filled the arena with energy. Both rappers were flanked by a score of other people that added to the energy, jumping and dancing around to the music, occasionally adding a verse here and there. For their set, both Method Man and Redman mixed up old and new tracks from their separate albums all the while helping each other out, adding new things to old songs, keeping them fresh and interesting.

Method Man and Redman had a great rapport with the joking and poking fun at each other. Redman was even able to get the whole crowd to shout jokingly, "F— You Redman" at him through much of the concert. However, it was Method Man who stole the set, performing his first big hit "Method Man" to an eager audience. Method Man, one of the most popular rappers from the rap super-group the Wu-Tang Clan, brought out fellow clan member Streetlife for several

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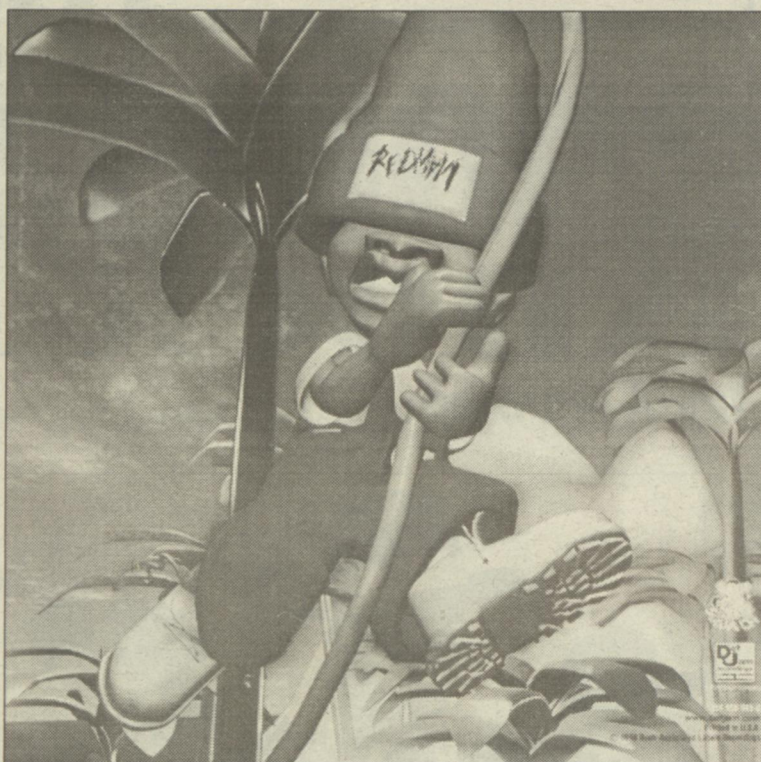
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songs off his new album that showed that his place as one of hip-hop's premier MCs is unquestionable.

Redman also did a great job, mostly performing songs off his new album, including "Da Goodness," in which the whole stage performed this whimsical dance that most of the audience was imitating by the end of the song. The final three songs were the highlights, with Redman performing "I'll Be Dat!" and Method Man singing "Judgement Day." The final song in their set, "How High," was the first recorded collaboration between the two, instantly becoming a modern hip-hop classic. To make the song even more exciting, both Method Man and Redman were suspended above the crowd on ropes that moved up and down, in and out of the crowd. Both spun through the air while rapping, providing one of the most entertaining spectacles of the evening.

The next performer, DMX, was by far the most anticipated artist; the mere announcement of his name caused a near frenzy within the audience. As he walked out, he incited thousands of barks and screams from his male and female fans respectively. Engulfed in a nearly totally red stage, DMX featured his extremely aggressive style that has made him extremely popular in recent months. Nearly the whole audience stood for the whole set, with DMX performing songs from both of his hit albums at a breakneck pace that never let the intensity drop for a moment. To excite the female crowd even further, he ripped off his shirt, which was followed by a deafening scream from nearly every woman in the audience (after that, I wasn't able to hear the rest of the concert because my ears were bleeding).

He didn't let the men feel left out, continually asking where his dogs were at, which induced frantic barking from the whole crowd. DMX performed for nearly an hour, with several songs standing out as highlights. New songs, "Keep Your S— The Hardest," "It's All Good" and "Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood" were perfect examples of the intensity that DMX carried throughout the whole show. It was the final three songs, however, that hyped the audience the most with "Get at Me Dog," "Ruff Ryders' Anthem" and the new hit, "Slippin'." He also performed a prayer off his album *Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My*



Blood, that was touching and heartfelt, and according to some, caused several audience members to cry. DMX was definitely the most powerful rapper present that evening, and his popularity only grew with a wonderful set that would be hard for any rapper to match.

As DMX left the stage, the house lights went on to initiate a short break, giving time for everyone to relax after the reeling set delivered by DMX. It was not long before headliner Jay-Z took the stage. Out of all the rappers, Jay-Z had the most extravagant entrance, showing a video of him and two of his cohorts. Memphis Bleek and Beanie Siegel, escaping from somewhere trying to find the stage. He would tell the audience to yell

so he could find the stage, but after the noise DMX created, the yelling seemed minimal and forced. That feeling would leave, as Jay-Z rose from the center of the stage, busting directly into his first song.

Although Jay-Z has the most recognized songs, and was the main event, he did not carry the energy the first two acts did. However he did show off his rhyme skills, coming off as the most lyrically talented of the concert. Jay-Z played many older songs, unknown to many of the audience members, and not as refined as his more recent songs, causing many people to lose interest in his set. But Jay-Z, feeling the energy slip, busted into "Can I Get A..." and his verse on the Juvenile hit "Ha." Both songs, deeply influenced by southern bounce, got the crowd on their feet.

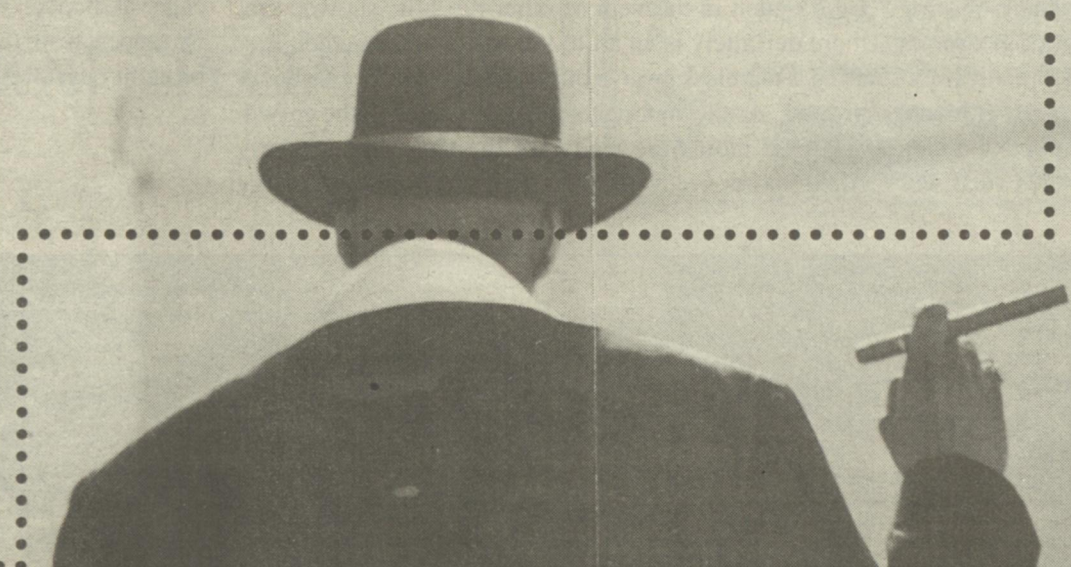
For "Can I Get A..." both Amil and upstart rapper Ja Rule joined Jay-Z, helping to rile up the audience. Jay-Z then performed "Ain't My *****" from his first album, which also was an audience favorite. It was his newer hits that the audience was waiting for, and Jay-Z flowed into

a shortened version of "Money Ain't A Thang." In the middle of his set, his DJ was given a chance to show his stuff, working his turntables perfectly, amazing the audience with his talent. During this short hiatus, Jay-Z disappeared and the audience was left wondering where he was. But in one of the most memorable moments of the concert, Jay-Z appeared on a rising platform featuring his likeness in the center of the floor and performed "Ride Or Die" above the surprised audience. He also brought out DMX again to sing "Money, Cash, Hoes," the most powerful song performed by Jay-Z that evening. He then ran through the crowd, mingling with the audience,

while rapping, as he made his way back on stage. His final song, the Annie inspired "Hard Knock Life," was probably the audience favorite for the evening, with everyone singing along to the chorus, and waved their hands in the air.

On a whole, the Hard Knock Life Tour was one of the most aggressive, energetic and powerful concerts I have ever seen. Every artist brought a different style and every one was effective. Method Man and Redman provided humor and overall entertainment, DMX provided the energy and aggressiveness and Jay-Z provided the pure talent. It would be very difficult to reproduce the perfect chemistry that the Hard Knock Life had.

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If the letters MFA mean nothing to you, you are not alone. We interviewed a series of random USD students and asked if they knew of USD's MFA program. We received the following responses, "No", "Ummm..." and "Uhhhhhhhhhhhh...". When asked if she had ever seen an MFA production, one anonymous senior woman replied, "Please, leave me alone." When we pursued questioning she proceeded to strike us with her Prada backpack, slip into a BMW, and

speed away.

In fact, MFA stands for Masters of Fine Arts, and USD in association with the Old Globe, has been the home of an MFA program in acting which is currently in its 12th year. Primarily focused on classical training, the program auditions several hundred applicants around the country every year in search of the seven students it accepts for each class. It is a two-year, year-round program, so there are never more than 14 students in classes at any time. MFA actors have a set schedule of movement, voice and acting classes taught by theatre professionals, in addition to one dramatic literature course each semester which is taught by the USD English De-

partment faculty. Summers are spent performing and understudying on stage at the Old Globe.

In addition to a 10-to-5 class schedule four days a week, the MFA program produces three productions per year in Sacred Heart 104. The first year class is currently working on David Mamet's *The Water Engine*, which runs approximately one hour. *The Water Engine* is a detective drama set in the 30s. Originally written for radio, it has since been adapted for the stage incorporating radio techniques with live theatre. Mamet is well known for such plays as *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *American Buffalo* and *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*; and films including *Wag the Dog* and *The Edge*. Richard Seer, head of the MFA program, directs the production.

USD undergraduates often assist on productions and, on occasion, a student will appear in one of the shows when needed. For example, junior

Robert Pintaric appeared as the Beadle in our recent production of Shaw's *Getting Married*, and freshman Jefferson Thom will appear in the upcoming *Water Engine*.

SHOW DATES

The Water Engine
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Rick Seer

14 Angry Men: Little is known at USD about the students of MFA

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Staff Writer

Pushing Tin is a film about what happens to people when their jobs become too stressful. Directed by Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Donnie Brasco*) and written by Cheers co-creators, Les and Glen Charles, this film is a hilarious portrayal of the lives of air-traffic controllers.

John Cusack stars as Nick Falzone, a competitive, high-strung guy, with Billy Bob Thornton as Russell Bell, Falzone's main competition. Angelina Jolie, Cate Blanchett and *NewsRadio*'s Vicki Lewis complete the lineup.

Jolie plays Bell's wife, Mary, a woman who engages in an adulterous affair with Falzone. She has a thick Southern accent, a huge drinking problem and wears a leopard-print dress, a lot of turquoise, bright red lipstick and massively high boots. Blanchett plays Falzone's wife, the exact opposite of Mary. She portrays a prissy prom queen who is experiencing the first rough water of her life. Lewis is the movie's only female air-traffic controller. She has the pleasure of working along side of these two rivals, Falzone and Bell.

If you want to spend an enjoyable two hours, this all-star comedic cast will keep you laughing with their crazy behavior. Go fly with John Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton as they struggle to keep planes from colliding and relationships from disintegrating in *Pushing Tin*.

LIFE

FLOR RIVERA
Staff Writer

Life is a comedy made for anybody who is looking for good entertainment. The story, directed by Ted Demme, begins in Harlem in 1932 where the characters of Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence meet for the first time. Neither of them have any money to pay for their bar tab, so the club owner, Spanky (Rick James), takes justice into his own hands. He makes a deal with the duo, forgiving the debt if they drive down to Mississippi and bring back an order of alcohol (the Prohibition outlawed

alcohol during that decade). What Murphy and Lawrence didn't know was that trip was going to change their lives forever.

After retrieving the shipment of alcohol in Mississippi, the two go to a casino where they not only lose all the money, but their freedom as well. As they are leaving the casino to go back to Harlem, they find a dead body and they are blamed for the murder, being two black men in the racist South. Murphy and Lawrence are sentenced to life and taken to jail in Mississippi. In the penitentiary, they become fast friends due to the harsh realities of prison life.

Together, the two friends do anything to try to escape from jail, even if it means risking their own lives.

Over the course of sixty years, they never lose their faith. They hope that someday the truth will be revealed and they will walk out of prison as free men.

Once again Eddie Murphy is on top of his game. After disappointing appearances in *Beverly Hills Cop III*, *Metro* and *Dr. Doolittle*, he is finally returning to the man we knew in *48 Hours* and *Trading Places*. Murphy's outgoing personality and charisma with comedy add a unique flavor to *Life*. One thing is for sure: Eddie Murphy knows how to really make people laugh once again.

Lawrence is the yang of Murphy's yin, stepping up to the challenge of operating in the same spotlight as Murphy. The two have excellent chemistry together and it can easily be seen on the big screen. Kudos to director Ted Demme for pairing these great comedians together in this movie (and thank you, Ted, for not casting Will Smith; he just doesn't have the timing that Murphy and Lawrence possess).

I strongly recommend *Life* if you want to see some old-school Murphy paired with some new-school Lawrence. Murphy still has many good years left in him and Lawrence is just getting started. Granted, this is no *Coming to America* (Murphy's magnum opus) but it still has that special Eddie Murphy magic.

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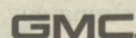
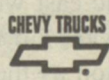
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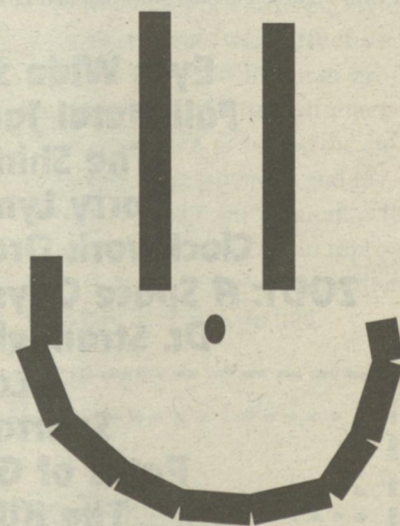


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small thoughts

CHRIS WEERTS
Associate Editor

Drug abuse has been a long-time problem in professional sports and has been the downfall of many promising careers.

Some people may sympathize with professional athletes because they are given such a large amount of money at such a young age, and usually are not mature enough to handle the responsibility that goes along with their newfound financial freedom.

There are a lot of people that want to get close to these young millionaires and get a piece of the pie. Some of these people obviously are the wrong people for these young and impressionable athletes to be spending time with. The biggest problem is the very people that these athletes turn to for leadership and advice, their teammates, may be contributing to the drug problem.

I know a player who recently attended a major league baseball camp during spring training. One thing he told me that he seemed to be proud of was that he "got" to smoke marijuana with some very high profile Major League stars. To me this is a sad statement about our society.

Athletes work their whole lives to have the chance to play their sport professionally, but the most memorable experience some people have from their first time at that level is doing drugs with some of their idols.

Within the last week or so, two professional athletes who have already had a troubled past with drugs got themselves into drug trouble again. New York Yankee outfielder Darryl Strawberry, who was recently treated for colon cancer, was caught soliciting prostitution from an undercover police-woman and had cocaine on his person at the time.

He has been in and out of re-

hab on more than one occasion for this addiction and has been given second and third chances by Major League Baseball. This is not a surprise, because baseball players know they can get away with multiple infractions.

The precedent was set with another New York Yankee, Steve Howe. Howe was banned for life from baseball seven different times. If you are banned for life once, shouldn't that be enough? Apparently not, because Howe kept getting back into the league. This is strange, because the league will not let Pete Rose into the Hall of Fame because he bet on baseball games, but will continuously let drug offenders back into the league.

In the NFL the same problem has been brought to center stage by Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor. Taylor was never caught while he was in the league, but for some reason everyone knew about his problem. This has been well documented since his retirement.

Additionally, Dallas Cowboy defensive tackle Leon Lett was caught for the fourth time with cocaine in his system. This time he faces being banned from the league for life.

He has already had to enter a drug treatment program after his first offense, serve a four game suspension after his second offense and serve a one-year suspension after his third offense.

The sad part about this is that there is a possibility that he could only get suspended for one more year.

It is ridiculous that on his fourth offense he may still have the opportunity to play in the NFL.

The lifestyle that is perpetuated in professional sports allows these players to act as if they are above the law and do not need to worry, because they will always be given another chance to make millions of dollars.

Softball team sets new record

First time for softball team to win more than 34 games

BEN KAIN
Staff Writer

In just her sixth year as head coach of the Torero softball team, Lin Adams has set a new school record.

The 1991 Toreros ended their season with a 34-14 record, the best in Torero history. Adams' team, which has played dominantly throughout this season, broke that record on Saturday April 10 by sweeping Concordia in a double header. It was a sign of how talented this youthful team really is, and a warning of how good they may become.

The lady Toreros dominated Concordia, playing with the same discipline that they have become known for in 1999. The Toreros were led by an incredible pitching display from freshman Misty Velke.

Velke held Concordia to just one hit while striking out a mind boggling 12 batters and improving her record to 19-5. With such a defensive pummeling, the offense decided to join in on the parade by producing eight runs. Freshman Katy Morrison went 3-4 and had two RBIs. Mary Ann Cane also went 3-4 and had a double.

USD finished with an 8-0 shut-out to tie the school record for wins.

After such an incredible first game, no one could have guessed that the Toreros would continue their romp in game two, but they did.

Junior pitcher Amy Lopez allowed a mere four hits through seven innings to improve her record to 14-9.

Concordia was once again offensively deprived, and was put to the mercy of the explosive bats of the USD offense. Morrison had another big game going 2-3 with an RBI triple.

Jade Quentin had a good day going 2-3 with an RBI double and Nicky Geis joined in by also



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Whack: Offense was the name of the game as the Toreros scored 17 runs in two games against Concordia last weekend.

going 2-3.

This win marked the beginning of a celebration as the 1999 Torero's erased the 34 win barrier of 1991 and built their own. They stand proudly at 37-16, with four games left in the year. The Toreros have been almost untouchable at home, as they have won their last 10 home games.

Even more impressive may be the fact that they have won 10 of their last 12 games, and very possibly could end up with 41 wins this season.

They have proven that they can combine strong defense with old fashioned offense. They have

only had four games where they couldn't score, and only three games where they lost by more than three runs, proving that a close game is their favorite game to win.

This past weekend the Toreros added to their incredible win total by beating Colorado college 9-1 and 8-0.

They play UCSD at 5 p.m. today in a battle of the beach. Come and support the lady Toreros as they continue on their march to the post season. They are a team that has proven its fortitude and that will be bringing a lot more excitement to its sport for years to come.

Baseball sweeps doubleheader against Portland

KIT BARMANN
Staff Writer

The Toreros bounced back from a 6-14 loss to Portland on Friday to take both games of the Saturday doubleheader.

In the first game of the afternoon, the Pilots jumped out to an early 2-0 lead off two hits and one Torero error. Their first inning success was then stifled as Portland was promptly sent down in order in both the second and third innings, thanks to some sharp fielding by third baseman Sean Skinner and shortstop Dominic Repetti.

Both sides traded runs in the fifth inning, with Chris Kahl scoring for USD on a rip to right field by pinch hitter Alan Leuthard. The score was now 3-1 in the visitors' favor, but the seventh inning brought another Torero across the plate.

Greg Sain hit a shot to left field that bounced once and then headed over the fence for a double. Chris Kahl, who was 2-3 for the game, was once again part of the offensive action as he scored Sain during the next bat.

USD now only trailed by one and Portland was feeling the pressure. Chris Liosi (2-4, 1 RBI) opened the inning with a hopper to third. Ryan Powell's throw drew his first baseman off the bag and Liosi was called safe. Portland's head coach, Chris Sperry, disagreed, launched out of the dugout, and began telling the first base umpire just what he thought about the call. Much to the delight of the Torero football team who was cheering enthusiastically in the stands, Sperry was tossed out of the game and had to hike out of Cunningham Stadium and have a seat on the team bus.

Liosi's stay at first was short lived, as he was picked off during the next at bat. Joe Lima then flew out to shallow left, which gave USD two outs and nobody on. First baseman Kevin Reese stepped to the plate and was beamed with a pitch thrown by Portland reliever Josh Cram. Cram then hit left fielder David Wright, putting runners on first and second with Sain next in line.

Cram had apparently been taking notes while Pilot starter Stosh Jackson was in the game, because they both had trouble finding the glove, hitting three batters apiece.

Sain found one he liked and ripped it down the first base line, scoring Reese. Although Wright was waved around third and tagged out at home, the Toreros had tied up the game at 3 going into the last inning.

The Torero defense and new pitcher Marty Hayes found themselves in a bases loaded situation with only one out. The next Portland batter hit to second baseman Sean Skinner, who flipped it to shortstop Brian Barden for out number two. Barden then tried to turn a double play, but his throw to first was off line, allowing the Pilots to score. The loose ball was recovered and gunned to the plate just in time to nail Josh Hansen as he was trying to stretch the Portland lead. That sent San Diego up to bat in the bottom of the last inning needing two runs to win, with the visitors now leading 3-4.

Chris Kahl led off the inning and was robbed of a solo shot over the left field wall by a leaping Hansen who caught the long ball as it was leaving the park. Keeping with the theme of the day, pinch hitter Juan Garcia was hit by a pitch during his time at the plate and earned a free trip down the line to first.

Next up was Junior Zach Koucos, who entered the game to pinch hit for Barden. In an ironic twist, Koucos was not hit by the pitch, but instead hit the pitcher, lining one right off Cram's shin. Cram's throw sailed past first and Garcia crossed the plate for San Diego. The score was now knotted at four apiece with Koucos standing on second.

Jason Hertel took over the pitching duties for the injured Cram and intentionally walked Alan Leuthard to get to Liosi. This proved to be an unwise decision, because Liosi (.329 in conference play) dropped the ball into right center field, scoring Koucos and giving the Toreros the 5-4 victory.

Coach Sperry could undoubtedly hear the San Diego cheers all the way from the bus.

USD took game two with a score of 5-1. They racked up 11 hits with only one error. Portland scored their lone run in the top of the first inning and committed five errors throughout the contest.

Kevin Reese (.359) had a superb day for San Diego, going a perfect 3-3 at the plate with three RBIs. He also hit his 10th homer on the season.

USD golf team finishes impressive season

JACKIE KIM
Staff Writer

Dedication and determination led to the vast improvement and satisfaction of the USD golf team.

After completing 11 tournaments and traveling all around the country, the 11 men on the golf team ended the season in high spirits. "From being ranked around 130, we now moved into the top 100," said Jeppe Nielsen, junior golf team member. "And for the first time ever, we beat more teams than we lost to in our district, which is probably the toughest district in the nation." Lead by two outstanding golfers, Keshav Misra and Patrick Hawkins, the golf team endures 20-25 hours of golfing per week.

Hawkins was nominated as the most valuable player last year, and he won the West Coast Conference Championship last year as well. "Golf is probably the most frustrating game you can play," said Nielsen, "It is the art of controlling yourself and managing to repeat a body movement with perfection.

It is a gentleman's sport, and it is just as important to be mentally as physically prepared when playing a round of golf." Last fall the team began their competi-

tions in Colorado, where they played in the Air Force Academy's tournament. They followed with tournaments in Long Beach, Florida, New Mexico, Santa Clara, Point Loma, Santa Barbara, San Diego and the Grand Canyon.

At the West Coast Conference Championship, all five players had two or three high scores each, and the team as a whole ended in sixth place out of eight teams.

A highlight of the Torero golfing experience was the outstanding victory of USD's own golf tournament at the Shadowridge Country Club. Individually, Patrick Hawkins won the tournament and Ryan Hanratty finished third.

Lead by Coach Frank Cates, the team consists of two seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and four freshman. The seniors are Keshav Misra and Steve Tolpa. The juniors are Patrick Hawkins and Jeppe Nielsen.

The sophomores are Ryan Hanratty, Reed Henderson and Jason Gross. The freshmen are Cullen Brasfield, Andy Brisbois, Berry Henson and Russel Bergstedt. "Besides being teammates, we are all buddies and good friends outside the golf team," said Nielsen. "There is a good spirit among the team members, no rivalry or bad attitudes."



Courtesy of Sports Information

Follow the leader: The USD golf team posted their first winning record in their district this season. Senior Keshav Misra lead the USD team at the 1999 WCC Golf Championships, ranking 10th in the individual finals.

USD Crew heads north for the State Championships

JENNA CASTROGIOVANNI
Staff Writer

USD crew took a road trip to Sacramento last weekend to compete in the 2000 meter California Collegiate Rowing Championships on Lake Natoma.

Universities from all over the Golden State were among USD's competitors. They included UC Berkeley, Orange Coast College, UCSB, UC Davis SDSU, UCSD, Stanford, UCLA, Cal State Sacramento and LMU.

Women's varsity got things going with the Varsity eight race. They placed third, behind Santa Clara and UCSD, but ahead of UCSB and UCLA.

Women's lightweight eight squad also placed third holding off SDSU, St. Mary's and Humboldt's "B" boat, but six seconds behind UC Davis, who was taken by the victorious Humboldt State "A" boat.

The women's novice eight squad is one of the best USD has seen, with victories at both the Orange Coast College Berg Cup competition in March, and the San Diego City Championships earlier this month.

These vigorous women blasted Cal State Sacramento (and on their home turf none-the-less) out of the water with a 10 second margin at the finish line. Cal State Sacramento was trailed by Cal State Long Beach (CSLB), St. Mary's, and Mills College.

In the final round of the women's novice races, UC Davis and USD were bow ball to bow ball at the finish with UC Davis finishing the race ahead by .20 of a second. Stanford, Cal State Sacramento, OCC and Humboldt State followed in behind.

The men's novice four raced a strong 2000 meters and earned their success by a strong margin against Chapman, Santa Clara, UCLA, UC Davis and California Maritime Academy.

The biggest surprise of the regatta came when USD beat out UC Berkeley in the novice eight race. Even though USD placed fifth, coming in behind OCC, CSLB, UCLA and SDSU, beating Berkeley was a major accomplishment for the team.

Head coach Brooks Dagman says, "Beating CAL was stunning, it was great for the team to be able to do that." Coach Dagman proudly comments that there are



Courtesy of Sport Information

Teamwork: The crew teams had an extremely successful weekend at the California Collegiate Rowing Championships in Sacramento.

now 14 state champions on USD's crew team. This is more than there have ever been in the past.

In the first round of the men's varsity four race, USD placed third behind CAL and Humboldt, but held off Santa Clara, SDSU, UCLA and UCSD. The final round was not as successful for USD, as the Toreros placed fifth, following behind CAL, CSLB, LMU and Humboldt. However, USD did finish 10 seconds ahead of Santa Clara and 41 seconds

ahead of UCSB. The men's lightweight squad had a fairly successful race, placing third behind California Maritime University and Humboldt State and ahead of CSLB, UC Davis, Santa Clara and UCLA.

Overall, USD fared pretty well against the challenging competition in Sacramento. The next adventure for USD crew will be to compete in the UCLA Miller Cup race on Saturday April 24 at 7 a.m. in Marina Del Rey.

Men's lacrosse team repeats West Coast Championship

DANIELL TAFF
Special to the VISTA

Going into the 1999 season, the USD men's lacrosse team held only one goal: to defend their place as champions of the previous Western Collegiate Lacrosse League Championships, held in 1998 in Stockton. This year's tournament would prove to be just as exciting as last; and it was held at both USF and UC Berkeley. Going into the tournament, USD was ranked tenth in the state amongst both Division I and Division II schools, and was the No. 1 seed in the South Bracket as they successfully defended their title.

USD faced Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the Division II semifinal game. The winner going on to play Chico State in the finals. What most people thought would be a game dominated by Cal Poly turned out to be a very close nail-biting experience. In the first quarter it looked as if Cal Poly may have run away with the game, leading 3-0 as they surprised USD's defense early in the game. However, a first quarter time out called by Coach Todd Smith would shift the mo-

mentum of the game—allowing junior captain Joe Kudla to score three of his five goals before halftime. In the second half, sophomore defensemen Matt Thompson and Gontran Tibere stepped up the defense, holding Cal Poly's offense to a season low five second half goals. With seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, USD led 12-9. But with two minutes left in the game Cal Poly was only down by one and tied the game with six seconds left. The game would go on to sudden death overtime, when senior Keith Brown scored the game-winning goal.

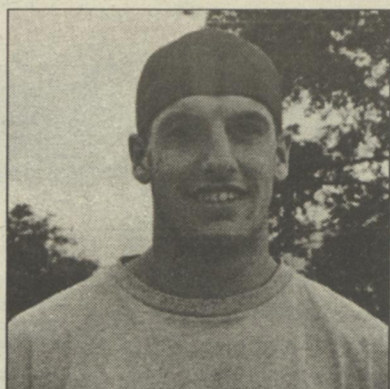
In the final game senior captain Tom Palacek made easy work of Chico's mid-dies taking them to the net for a hat trick. Senior midfielder Mark Hoffmeister and defensemen Kevin Hanrahan led the Toreros defensively the whole game, stifling Chico's offensive surges. In the fourth quarter USD's man down defense led by goalie Jed Stahl's 10 saves slammed the door on Chico's hopes for a comeback. Stahl held all three Chico man-up attempts at bay in the final quarter. USD's defense turned out to be too much for the Wildcats, who ultimately lost by a score of 8-7.



Courtesy of lacrosse team

Champs: Men's lacrosse team takes first at the San Francisco Shootout in the City edging out Cal Poly SLO and Chico State University.

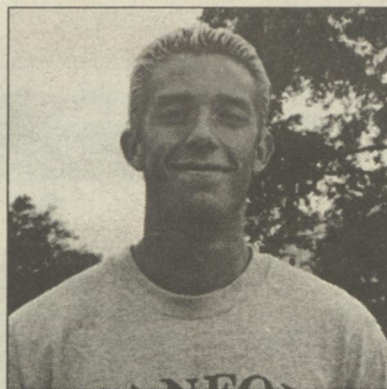
What is the best thing about USD sporting events?



Mike Piserchio

Freshman

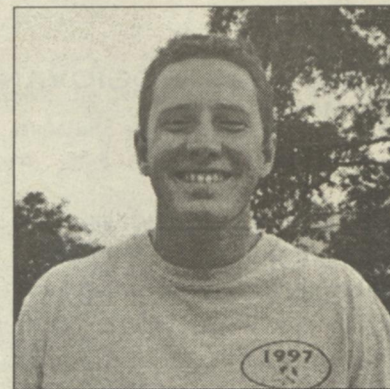
"I like Joel Armstrong. He's a babe."



Justin Neerhof

Freshman

"Sober superfans that yell at the refs."



Eric Vandeman

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Upcoming Games

Baseball

Apr.23	Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Apr.24	Santa Clara (2)	1 p.m.
Apr.28	CS Northridge	3 p.m.

Softball

Apr.22	UCSD	5 p.m.
Apr.24	WISL Tournament	2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Apr.23-25	WCC Championships All Day (Hosted by Santa Clara)
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Men's Tennis

Apr.23-25	WCC Championships (Hosted by USD)	All Day
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Crew

Apr.24	UCLA Miller Cup	7 a.m.
Apr.25	Newport Regatta	7 a.m.

*All home games are in bold letters.

Last Week's Scores

Baseball

Portland	L	6-14
Portland	W	5-4
Portland	W	5-1

Softball

Point Loma	L	0-2
Point Loma	L	1-3
Colorado College	W	9-1
Colorado College	W	8-0
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CS San Bernardino	W	4-2

Women's Tennis

SDSU	L	1-5
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So if your looking for a chance to play some golf, have some fun and have an opportunity to win a number of prizes, come to the IM office and sign-up for the San Diego Collegiate Classic. If you have further questions, call USD IMs at 260-4533.

Poop scoops up another win

SCOTT BERGEN

Ultimate Frisbee Supervisor

Well, Ultimate fans, there is one thing that this week's play can tell you for sure. Poop does not stink. **Team Poop** faced the much vaunted, **The Team** monday night in a rematch of last year's epic tournament final which had been won by Team Poop. Each team is without a few of their key members from last year's battle, but Poop appears to have been able to recruit, build and establish a dynasty.

With an expanded lineup which featured newcomer Carlos Pineda, Poop surged out to an 11-3 halftime lead behind the selfless play of Super-Poop Andy Marchi and his 4 assists. The second half showed The Team giving a valiant effort to stay in it but the tireless offensive acrobatics of league scoring king Scott Bergen were too much. Marchi and Bergen connected for 4 of Bergen's goals in his double/double Hat-Trick performance (six goals and six assists). The Team gave it their all in an old fashioned college try, and left with the warning from team mouth, Scott Caldwell, "Next time we'll be a little more spiffy. We won't play half as bad, if we can only play twice as good."

Game two saw the first ever USD IM Ultimate Frisbee forfeit. The teams are 15-1 in appearances so far but somehow **Duece & a Half** missed a memo and their game. **Long Island Iced Tea** picked up the free-be.

Game three saw the league's only female player for the evening in the form of IM supervisor and legend Angie Gilb. Not only is she beautiful, charming, intelligent, and witty (I only wish that I could date such an incredible girl), her stamina and speed on the field are unsurpassable. Her numerous blocks and assists helped **Gumby Love** to a 7-4 halftime lead over the powerful **Stumbling Drunks**. The Drunks came back in the second half and fought back to even, but Gumby Love was too strong and took it 12-10. Apparently the stumbling drunks were just a bit disoriented as one player was overheard saying, "this is the wierdest thing I have ever seen." Lets just say that a man with a certain common first name and a certain uncommon nickname to precede it was everywhere.

The final game saw the most evenly matched game in the history of the league thus far. **The Persuasion** came off of a big win over Stumbling Drunks last week with a

lot of confidence in their game against **Whatever**. Whatever had not seen any actual game time yet this season and came out rusty. At the half it was 2-1 Persuasion on scores by Brian Kiffe and the Indiana Pacers (and ex-Clipper) Mark Jackson. Whatever came alive in the second half and if it weren't for Kiffe's second half hat trick, his Persuasion would not have been able to stop the Whatever juggernaut. The lead changed 5 times in the second half in a scoring barrage, but Whatever's charge was cut short by a final minute goal by Kiffe and another of Jackson's now famous shimmy-dances. John Wilkes was utterly ineffectual in this game and besides his sweatshirt being put to good use, might as well have not been at the field.

Friends, join us this coming Monday for the final games of the regular season of this inaugural Ultimate league. The fans turnout has been less than expected but those present have been more than pleased with the product being served up. Fan favorite, Team Poop will be on the field at 8:30 and schedules are available in the IM office.

Basketball goes to playoffs

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Basketball Supervisor

Playoffs usually bring an air of excitement and this past week was the first week of playoffs. The playoffs were set up so that every team who participated in the regular season, had the right to play in the playoffs. The playoffs are a single elimination tournament consisting of two brackets. Most teams knew which brackets they would be placed in, but not which teams they would be playing. The anticipation of looking for your current and future opponents who stand in the way to glory often wet the basketball appetite and stimulate camaraderie among the teammates. Although most teams want to play in playoffs, a strange occurrence happened. In the first day of playoffs, there was a rash of forfeits. Some may not find that strange, but I do, especially when all teams sign up for the times they are available to play. For the teams that did show up, they were playing for blood.

The first game of the night had the **Freeballerz** playing **De Enda**. The Freeballerz sailed by in their first game due to a forfeit and were lucky to conserve their energy for their second game, one hour later. In the first half,

De Enda's Drew Bohlin, kept them in the game by scoring and rebounding. De Enda trailed at the half 22-20. In the second half, the Freeballerz continued their lucky streak. James Chuong, of the Freeballerz, led the team with his quickness and handles. He ran the court rewarding the "big men" on the break and getting back on defense creating havoc for De Enda. James Chuong ended up with 11 points for a second round victory for the Freeballerz of 42-36.

The last game of the night had the **Chiquita Lobos** challenging the **Big Doggs**. Chiquita Lobos, the soccer boys, looked clearly intimidated at the beginning of the game. Their quiet chatter resonated tones of the size of the Big Doggs. At the end of the first half, surprisingly, Chiquita Lobos was only down 18-10. In the second half, as each minute ticked off the clock, you could see the confidence grow in their eyes. It also showed in the score. The only problem was that the Lobos' comeback was in the last five minutes. Aaron Vosbergh, of the Big Doggs, had another big game. He closed the door on Chiquita Lobos with a solid 12 points. The Big Doggs move on to the second round with a victory over Chiquita Lobos of 40-32.

Middle-Man on the Totem Pole tales of the Equipment Room Guy

Like all public figures, I too, have to endure scrutiny as well as occasional praise for my contributions to the VISTA every week. Lately, however, it seems that I (and my column) have come under attack because of the relative ease in which I have attained my coveted position here in the IM/Rec office. Also probably because of my grand entrances into the office every day (a la King Tut with peasants carrying me in my throne atop their shoulders and exotic women fanning me and feeding me grapes... But I digress.). Some of my colleagues here in the IM office feel that they, too, are deserving of some space in my sacred corner of the last page of the VISTA every week. I will now give a direct and detailed account of why they are not worthy, and why I am:

1) I am funny. I tell things like they are, and then add a comedic twist. They cannot do these things. I have seen them try. It does not work.

2) I take the initiative. I started off humbly enough making a sign at the request of my superior, Noah. I saw an opportunity to brown nose my way to the top, and I proceeded to do so. I made a good sign. No, a great sign, and I was rewarded with a column.

3) I am photogenic. I mean, just look at me! Look at the pics! Look at me being a lifeguard!!!

4) I have more friends than they do. More friends means more people reading. More people reading means more IM/Rec exposure. Look at the explosion of lounge chair users after last week's column. Coincidence??? I think not.

5) One word...CREATIVITY. They have none. I have some. It is the ability to make stuff up. I creatively make myself out to be royalty, to be a martyr, to be a demigod. "All hail the Equipment Room Guy," people say when I walk by. In actuality, I simply have, WAY too much time on my hands.

OK, now that my throne is secured, my tray table is in it's full upright and locked position, I have belittled the lessers, and made myself feel good here are:

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note: all predictions are based solely on team name. I have seen all of these teams play, and they are all horrible. So, without further ado:

Men's Softball Division 1

1) Sweetbread - I don't know what it is, but it sounds like it would agree with me after a hard night out on the town and what not.

2) Your Dad - It's creative. It's like, your mama is so old, she sat behind Jesus in the third grade, but Your Dad is just another bad softball team.

3) The Love Donkeys - I think I saw the Love Donkeys one night in TJ. They were pretty good from what I recall, but if my memory serves me correctly, shouldn't they be a Co-Rec team?

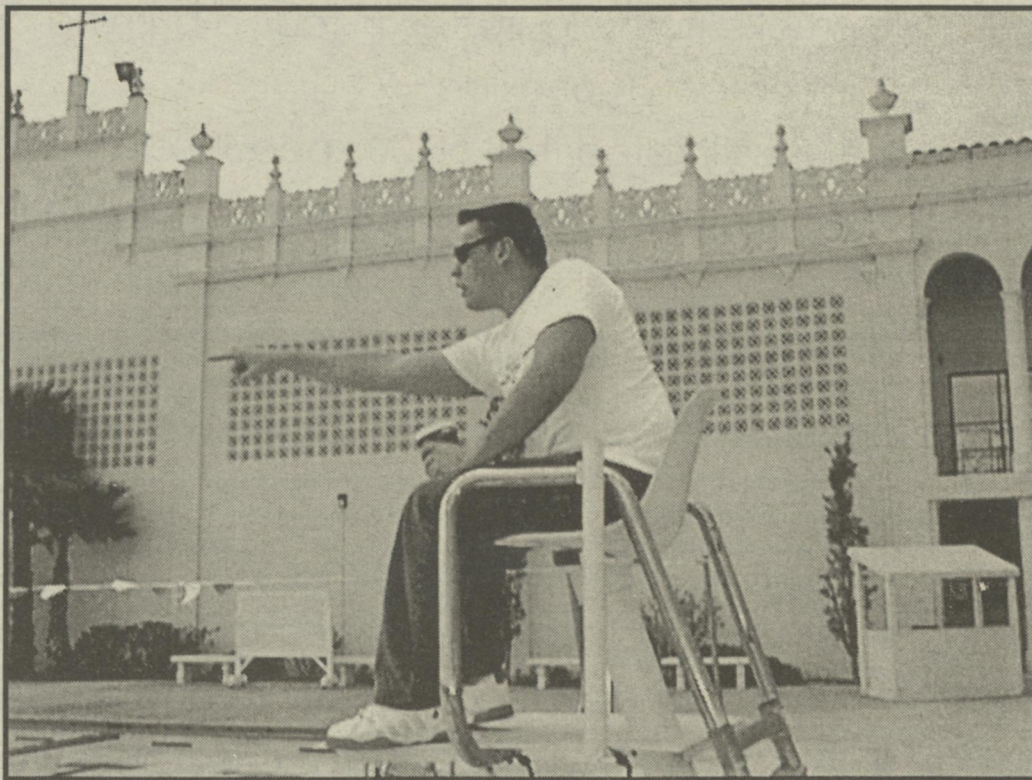
4) Return of the Big Bads - They're not big, they're not bad, and I didn't hear about them last year. Take your fourth place ranking and like it, you hornblowers!

5) 4 Old Timers - Every game will probably be a forfeit. Last time I checked, you needed 8 players to field a team. How about adjusting them spectacles and checking out the rule book, eh guys?

6) The Knights - Ten bucks to the first person to come up with something creatively funny about this team name. (writers of Offbeat automatically excluded.)

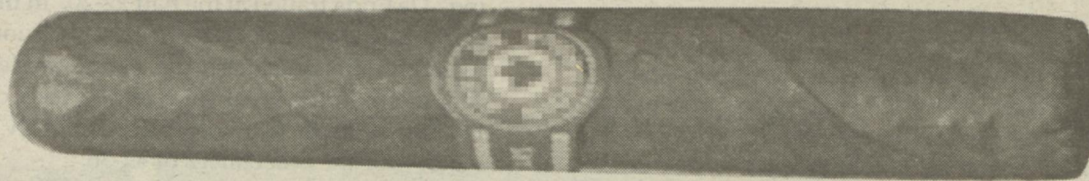
7) and 8) Sigma Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha, respectively - It's a tie for last. If both of these teams give me \$300 a semester and have formal meetings in my room every Monday night, I will automatically make them the #1 and #2 seeds. Oh, wait; NO I WON'T.

Tune in next week for Men's Softball Division 2 rankings. Until then, just keep reading this one over and over. EQUIPMENTROOMFORLIFE.JUSTKIDDING.



Equipment Room does not allow diving in the shallow end. Do not, repeat, Do NOT make him get up! Soccer women excluded; do as you please, ladies.

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- ◆ Cigars are a potent nicotine delivery device. Cigars can contain up to 70 times as much nicotine as cigarettes
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- ◆ Cigars contain more than 4,000 chemicals, 200 are poisonous and 43 of them cause cancer
- ◆ Cigar smokers are at risk of developing cancers of the oral cavity, larynx, lung, kidney, colon and rectum

► The Second-hand Smoke

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